



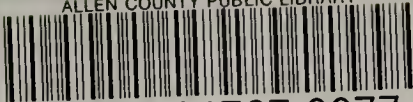


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**Robert H. Treman**, one of the outstanding bankers of New York State and for years a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, is well known throughout this region as a pioneer in the Finger Lakes Parks movement. Two of the natural beauty spots in the region, Enfield Glen and Buttermilk Glen, were given to the State by Mr. and Mrs. Treman and he was largely instrumental in securing the land for another beautiful State Park at Taughannock. He has also been keenly interested in the development and beautification of the ravines and gorges of Fall Creek and Six Mile Creek Glens in Ithaca, two of the loveliest beauty spots in Central New York. Their development came about through the association of Mr. Treman and Colonel Henry W. Sackett, of New York, who spent approximately \$200,000 in the development of these gorges as a memorial gift to Cornell University.

Mr. Treman was born in Ithaca March 31, 1858, the son of Elias and Elizabeth (Lovejoy) Treman. He attended the Ithaca Academy and then graduated from Cornell University in 1878 as a mechanical engineer. While in college he was active in athletics, playing four years on the Cornell baseball team of which he was captain in his senior year. He also rowed on three class crews and played football.

He became associated with the business of Treman, King & Company, in September, 1878, which firm was founded in 1844 and is therefore one of the oldest hardware firms in up-state New



York. He was trained in the business and became a partner in 1881. Later he became president of the company and is now chairman of the board. His association with this business covers more than fifty years and during that time the firm developed from a small retail business into a large corporation.

The hardware men of the State recognized his standing and honored his preeminence by electing him president of the New York State Association of Hardware Jobbers for the years 1910-'11-'12-'13 and the hardware men of the country honored him a few years later by making him president of the National Hardware Association. He served in that capacity for the two years 1918-1919.

Early in his business career Mr. Treman became interested in banking. He was elected a director of the Tompkins County National Bank in January, 1891, and has served as a director ever since. He was president of this bank from 1901 to January, 1932, when he became chairman of the board. He also has been a director of the Ithaca Trust Company for many years and he became vice-president in December, 1930, and in January, 1932, was elected president. He is also a trustee of the Ithaca Savings Bank. For about ten years he was vice-president of that institution, retiring from that office but not as a trustee when he became president of the Ithaca Trust Company.

In 1913 Mr. Treman was elected a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York by the votes of group number two of New York State banking institutions which are members of the Federal Banking System. He retained this position until he resigned January 1, 1931. In the critical years, 1916-1919, the war years, Mr. Treman served as deputy governor of the bank and during the illness of the governor, Benjamin Strong, Mr. Treman was acting governor of the largest and most influential Federal Reserve Bank in the most critical time in American banking history. He is now serving in the Federal Advisory Council, an important board provided by the Federal Reserve Act, and its personnel consists of one banker selected by the Reserve banks in each district.



The New York State Bankers' Association recognized his standing in the financial world in 1912 by making him president for the year 1913-1914.

One of Mr. Treman's most pleasant and perhaps to him most precious associations is his long service as trustee of Cornell University. In 1891 he was elected by the alumni to the board and served as alumnus trustee for five years. He then was chosen by the full board of trustees to be a board member and is still serving in that capacity. In June, 1932, he completed his forty-first year of service as a trustee, the longest continuous record as a trustee in the history of Cornell University.

While a member of this board, Mr. Treman became associated with Col. Henry W. Sackett, a native of Ithaca, and a graduate of Cornell in the class of 1875, and a friendship grew which meant much for the beautification and development of Cascadilla and Fall Creek glens, on the north and south sides of the Cornell University campus. Mr. Treman is now serving as chairman of the Grounds Committee of the University.

As a citizen of Ithaca he has been actively interested in public affairs. He served the city as a member of the Creek, Drainage and Park Commission, 1907-09, was a member of the Board of Public Works in 1909, and served as president of the Ithaca Community Chest for two years.

If Mr. Treman's vocation is that of banker and merchant, his avocation is distinctly that of a public spirited citizen, especially in the field of making the beauties of nature available to all the people. Long before the State of New York had developed its park program, Mr. Treman had seen the possibilities of opening up the many beauty spots in the region he loves, to the enjoyment and appreciation of the general public.

In 1916, with Mrs. Treman, he purchased the upper portion of Enfield Glen, seven miles southeast of Ithaca, and for some years thereafter they continued to acquire various properties in the watershed of Enfield Creek covering the Glen for about two miles. Mr. and Mrs. Treman also purchased in 1916 the Buttermilk Falls property, located about a mile and a half south of Ithaca, and



portions of the Buttermilk Falls Glen. Both of these properties are now State Parks given to the State by Mr. and Mrs. Treman.

Mr. Treman began this particular excursion into the field of philanthropy by buying in December, 1915, with Mrs. Treman the Enfield Falls hotel property including a portion of the Enfield Glen. This purchase included approximately forty acres of land and was made with the idea of saving the property against commercial encroachment and to preserve its natural beauty. Subsequent purchases in the Enfield Glen brought more than 300 additional acres into the Enfield Falls Park property, together with water rights, an old mill, rights of way, entrances for highways and large holdings of beautiful forest to protect and preserve the water ways, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Treman presented the Enfield Falls property to the State of New York for a State Park Reservation in May, 1920, on condition that all this land should be maintained as a park free to the public. The gift was accepted by the State promptly and the first Enfield Park Commission was created. Its membership consisted of Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey, Mayor Edwin C. Stewart and Robert H. Treman, of Ithaca, Senator George Blauvelt, of New York, and W. E. Leffingwell, of Watkins. In October of that year Warren H. Manning, landscape architect, was employed to take charge of the landscape work and development of the Enfield Falls State Park.

Another beauty spot now included in the Finger Lakes State Parks is Buttermilk Falls State Park. In 1916 Mr. Treman with Mrs. Treman had purchased the Buttermilk Falls property located just south of Ithaca. This purchase had also included part of the Buttermilk Falls glen.

The original purchase consisted of a farm of about 130 acres of land, giving control of the Falls and water rights. Later, over a hundred additional acres of land and water rights were purchased by the Treman's and, in 1924, they gave the property to the State of New York for use as a State park.

Mr. Treman has also been actively interested in the beautification of the famous gorges in the City of Ithaca and in making them accessible to the public. Through his association with Col.



Henry W. Sackett he interested the latter in the possibility of the development of these gorges and before Colonel Sackett died he had spent about \$200,000 in the opening up of these two glens. In order to make the beautiful Cascadilla Gorge more available for public enjoyment, Mr. and Mrs. Treman in 1914 purchased a house and lot on Linn Street which had partially obstructed the view of the entrance to the gorge and removed the house so that the gorge would be more easily accessible and a better view of the Falls be made available. In 1915 the Cascadilla Company, of which Mr. Treman was president, turned over to Cornell University its property which included a portion of the Cascadilla Glen, creek bed, water power, etc., on condition that the University would maintain this property in good condition for the University community and nature lovers. The offer was accepted by the trustees of Cornell University and the property thus turned over became a part of the University Campus.

On the southeast side of the city of Ithaca is another glen almost equally as beautiful. The Treman's had long since acquired what is known as the Halsey Mill property in that ravine and, in August, 1918, turned this property, covering about a half mile or more of Six Mile Creek Glen, over to the city of Ithaca for park purposes. This park remains to be developed by the city.

In January, 1912, they had become interested in the proposal to have a Tompkins County Tuberculosis Hospital and gave to the county land and buildings on the south side of Taughannock Falls ravine known as the Meany property for that purpose. This property is now held by the county subject to a reservation that if it ceases to be used as a hospital its ownership shall revert to Tompkins County to be used for recreational purposes, otherwise to the donors. This property is on the south side of the famous Taughannock Falls State Park, the grandest park in the Finger Lakes region.

And in order to preserve another natural gem in Ithaca, the Treman's in 1926-27 purchased ninety-seven acres on the north side in and adjacent to Coy's Glen just west of Ithaca in order to prevent the glen from becoming commercialized.

Mr. Treman has been chairman of the Finger Lakes State Parks Commission since it was organized in 1924. He has been a member of the Genesee State Park Commission for several years and he is also a member of the Stewart Park Commission which has in charge the beautification and improvement of the city's large park area at the head of Cayuga Lake.

Mr. Treman is still actively interested in civic matters and all that pertain to the development and beautification of this region.

He is a member of Ithaca Country Club and the University Club of Ithaca and of the Cornell and University Clubs of New York City, Chi Phi and Quill and Dagger of Cornell.

In politics he is an independent Democrat. His religious affiliation is Presbyterian and he has served for about twenty years as an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca.

Upon his retirement as director of the Federal Reserve Bank in New York his associates on the board of directors subscribed a permanent fund of \$21,500 to be given to Cornell University to be known as the Robert H. Treman Memorial Fund. The resolution announced that:

"As an enduring testimony to the unselfish, devoted and distinguished service in finance rendered to the nation at its financial capital during the critical period 1916-19 by Robert H. Treman, and with appreciation of the sterling character and attractive personality that have won for him our respect and esteem,

We, his recent associates in the Liberty Loan Committee of the Second Federal Reserve District, by our joint subscriptions hereby establish a permanent fund of \$21,500 to bear the name and to perpetuate the memory of Robert H. Treman at Cornell University, of which he is an alumnus, trustee and ardent well-wisher.

We give this fund to Cornell University with the understanding that Mr. Robert H. Treman shall have the privilege of designating the use to which the income from this fund shall be applied.

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In February, 1932, the Hardware Merchants and Manufacturers Association of Philadelphia has for many years selected each year an individual connected with the hardware industry who in the judgment of its committee has by his activities and standing reflected credit upon the hardware industry, and in 1932 they selected Robert H. Treman of Ithaca, passed suitable resolutions and presented him with a gold medal, duly inscribed. The jury of award were: Charles W. Asbury, Fayette R. Plumb, S. Horace Disston.

On February 16, 1925, the Chamber of Commerce of Ithaca gave a testimonial dinner in honor of Mr. Treman. It was one of the most widely attended banquets ever held in Ithaca. Among the testimonial letters and telegrams read by the toastmaster, President Livingston Farrand of Cornell University, were messages of friendship and praise from Governor Alfred E. Smith, Owen D. Young, Chief Justice Frank H. Hiscock, George Foster Peabody, Benjamin Strong, Albert H. Wiggin, Paul M. Warburg, Murray D. Hulbert, Walter P. Cooke and other prominent men.

A richly embossed testimonial was presented Mr. Treman bearing the signatures of over 450 of his fellow citizens. The text was as follows:

"The Chamber of Commerce, in behalf of the citizens of Ithaca, hereby testifies to

#### ROBERT H. TREMAN

its esteem for his achievements in city, state and nation.

Born to a position of opportunity and responsibility in this community, he has extended his public services far beyond its borders without estrangement from his fellow townsmen. Active in civic, social and commercial enterprises, he has been especially devoted and generous to the cause of preserving to the people the natural beauties of his home land.

In grateful appreciation, his fellow citizens subscribe this Testimonial the sixteenth day of February in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-five."

**Harry G. Stutz.**—As vice president, general manager and editor of the Ithaca Journal-News, Harry G. Stutz is prominent in the city and is also widely and favorably known in Central New York. He was born at Albany, New York, March 30, 1885, the son of George Frederick and Wilhelmina (Diedrich) Stutz.

George Frederick Stutz was a native of Washington, District of Columbia, and his wife was born at Alleghany, Pennsylvania. He was a minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and held various pastorates over a period of forty-seven years. Most of his career as a minister was spent in Albany, New York. Reverend Stutz died January 16, 1915, and his wife died July 18, 1931. To Reverend and Mrs. Stutz were born the following children: 1. Rose C., lives at Washington, District of Columbia. 2. Clara K., lives at Washington, District of Columbia. 3. Walter F., lives at Washington, District of Columbia. 4. Louis P., lives at Albany, New York. 5. Laura S. Rogalsky, lives at Ithaca. 6. Harry G., the subject of this sketch.

The early education of Harry G. Stutz was received in the public schools of Albany, and he entered Cornell University after his graduation from Albany High School. He received the degree of LL. B. in 1907 but although admitted to the bar during the same year, Mr. Stutz has never followed that profession. He has always been interested in the newspaper business. He served as reporter, city editor, telegraph editor, editorial writer, of the Ithaca News, and in 1915 became managing editor of the Ithaca Journal. He became managing editor of the Ithaca Journal-News in 1919, and has held his present offices as vice president, general manager and editor since 1927.

On April 22, 1908, Mr. Stutz was united in marriage with Miss Edith Swan, of Glens Falls, New York, the daughter of Stephen and Mary (Cashen) Swan, natives of New York. Mr. Swan died in January, 1914, and his wife died in July, 1906. To Mr. and Mrs. Stutz have been born three children: Frederick Harry, Peter Swan, and Mary Edith. All are students in the Ithaca public schools.

Mr. Stutz is a member and past president of the Ithaca Rotary Club. He has served two terms as president of the Ithaca Com-



munity Chest and three terms as general manager of the Ithaca Community Chest Campaign. He is a member of Delta Chi Fraternity and a director of the Thompsons County National Bank and the Cornell Daily Sun.

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**Franklin C. Cornell.**—Numbered among the solid and responsible business men of Ithaca, Franklin C. Cornell holds a prominent place as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ithaca Trust Company. He is also a trustee of the Ithaca Savings Bank. Mr. Cornell was born in this city, November 24, 1866, the son of Franklin C. and Susan D. (Pettigrove) Cornell.

Franklin C. Cornell, deceased, was a member of one of Ithaca's most prominent pioneer families. He was born here and educated in Ithaca Academy. Throughout his life he had extensive agricultural interests and was one of the large land holders of Tompkins County. In 1891 he was one of the founders of the Ithaca Trust Company, in association with Mynderse Van Cleef, and he held the office of president of the institution until the date of his death, January 22, 1907. His wife was born at Owego, Tioga County, and died in 1891. Both are buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Ithaca. Their children were: 1. Eunice, married Charles L. Taylor. 2. Ezra, who died in Ithaca in 1906. 3. Dorothy, unmarried. 4. Frederick, who died in infancy. 5. Franklin C., the subject of this sketch. All are residents of Ithaca. Mr. Cornell was a trustee of Cornell University and a trustee of the Ithaca Savings Bank. He was a Republican, held membership in the Episcopal Church, and Town and Gown Club.

Franklin C. Cornell grew up in Ithaca and obtained his early education in the public schools of Ithaca. He attended Cornell University. It was in 1900 that Mr. Cornell purchased the interests and business of the C. T. Stephens Coal Company, with which he has since been identified. For a number of years he was trustee and chairman of the finance committee of the Ithaca Savings Bank.

Early in 1900 Mr. Cornell was elected a director of the Ithaca Trust Company, later vice president and in 1931 he was elected president, and Chairman of the Board in 1932.

On June 2, 1906, Mr. Cornell was united in marriage with Miss Cordelia Hearne, who is a native of Ohio, born September 15, 1869. She moved to Sherman, Texas, with her parents when a child, later living at Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas. The daughter of James W. and Edith (Bristol) Hearne, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of New York. Mr. Hearne was a successful and well known lumber dealer of Fort Worth, Texas, and died in 1922. His wife died in 1924. Both are buried at Dryden. He was a Republican and a member of the Episcopal Church. Mrs. Cornell is a graduate of the public schools of Fort Worth, Texas, and College of Fine Arts, University of Pennsylvania. She was a teacher of art and interior decorating at St. Mary's College, Dallas, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Cornell have two adopted daughters: 1. Edith A., married Stewart A. Cushman, lives at Chicago, and has a daughter. 2. Margaret A., unmarried, lives at home. Both daughters are graduates of National Cathedral School, at Washington, District of Columbia.

Mr. Cornell is a Republican in politics, and is a prominent member of the Episcopal Church.

Hon. Ezra Cornell, founder of Cornell University, was the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He was of Puritan stock and became Ithaca's most outstanding citizen. A biography of Ezra Cornell may be found in the general History of New York, Volume I.

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**Ernest David Button**, who is president and general manager of the J. B. Lang Engine & Garage Company, of 117-133 East Green Street, is among Ithaca's best known and most successful business men. He was born at Schaghticoke, New York, March 10, 1878, the son of David Morgan and Eliza Jane (Baucus) Button.



David Morgan Button grew up and was educated at Fort Edward, New York. As a young man he was interested in the manufacture of paper, and was associated with the Wiley & Button Paper Company, at Schaghticoke, New York, until 1897. He then was one of the organizers of a farmers' produce and supply company, which was operated as the Empire Milling Company, and Mr. Button served as its president until the time of his death. He was a lifelong Republican and held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Button were born the following children: 1. James Warren, deceased. 2. Minnie Elva, deceased, was the wife of Lorenzo Van Arnam. 3. Ernest David, the subject of this sketch. Two children died in infancy.

Ernest David Button is a graduate of the public schools of Schaghticoke, Troy Academy, and Cornell University. He received a degree as Civil Engineer at the latter institution in 1899, and immediately became identified with the Illinois Central Railroad Company, at Freeport, Illinois, as a civil engineer. Later, he was transferred to Albert Lea, Minnesota, where he spent one year as construction engineer in the building of a road between Lisle and Albert Lea, Minnesota. He then was sent to Effingham, Illinois, as resident civil engineer and in December, 1900, went to Memphis, Tennessee, as assistant engineer. On June 1, 1901, Mr. Button was transferred to Fulton, Kentucky, in the same capacity and after several months came to Ithaca with the firm of Lang & Button. The business was incorporated in 1907 with Mr. Button as president and general manager.

On December 27, 1899, Mr. Button was united in marriage with Miss Bessie Geraldine Lang, who was born at Ithaca, March 15, 1878, a graduate of Ithaca High School and the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, class of 1898. She is the daughter of John Barr and Frances (Patterson) Lang. Mr. Lang was born at Stockbridge, New York, in 1833 and died in 1908. His wife was a native of Connecticut and died in 1898. At the age of 12 years John B. Lang became a clerk in a general store at Great Barrington, Connecticut. He came to Ithaca in 1865 and formed a partnership with James Reynolds, whose foundry was then

located at the rear of the Rumsey, Blood & Schuyler Building on North Tioga Street. Under the firm name of Reynolds & Lang the business began operations in 1865 and removed to the present location in 1871. Later Mr. Lang became sole owner of the business and in 1901 he took Mr. Button as his partner in the enterprise, which was reorganized as Lang & Button. Mr. Lang was a trustee and served as treasurer of the First Baptist Church for many years and was a member of Fire Company No. 1. He was also a director of the Ithaca Conservatory of Music and treasurer of Eastlawn Cemetery Association. He was the sixth mayor of the city of Ithaca, having succeeded LeRoy G. Todd in 1898. Politically, he was always a Republican.

To Ernest David and Bessie Geraldine (Lang) Button were born three children: 1. John Lang, born October 22, 1900, is vice president of the J. B. Lang Engine & Garage Company. He is a graduate of Ithaca High School and attended Cornell University. He married Miss LaMarr Hanson, of Dubois, Pennsylvania, and they have two children: Janet LaMarr and John Lang Button, Jr. 2. Ernest David, Jr., born July 12, 1904, is engaged in the advertising business in New York City. He is a graduate of Ithaca High School and Hamilton College, class of 1926. He married Miss Helen Mann, of New York City, and they have a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth. 3. Margaret Elizabeth, born September 21, 1911. She is a graduate of Ithaca High School and attended Goucher College at Baltimore, Maryland, for two years. She is now a student at Cornell University.

Politically, Mr. Button is a Republican, and has served for more than twenty years as fire commissioner of the city of Ithaca. He is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with Hobasco Lodge No. 716, F. & A. M., Masonic Club, Cornell Club of Ithaca, Director of the Ithaca Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, of which he is past president, and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He is serving his second term as president of the Finger Lakes Association, and is a former vice president and trustee of Eastlawn Cemetery Association. Mr. Button is an associate member of Louis Agassiz Fuertes Council, Boy



Scouts of America. From 1921 to 1922 he was Council President and in 1923 he was National Representative of this Council.

Mr. Button lives with his family at 449 North Aurora Street, Ithaca, and they have an attractive summer home, "Sycamore", on Lake Cayuga.

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**G. Louis Cook.**—Prominently identified with the financial interests of Ithaca and Tompkins County is G. Louis Cook, who is vice president and treasurer of the Ithaca Savings Bank. He was born at Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1877, the son of Reverend Orrin W. and Kate E. (Chamberlain) Cook.

Reverend Orrin W. Cook was born in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, and now lives retired at Interlaken, New York. He lived on a farm during his boyhood and attended the district schools. As a young man he was interested in the mercantile business at Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, and he subsequently entered the Crozer Theological Seminary, at Chester, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1889. He then received his first pastorate in the Baptist Church at Union, New York. His charges were: Ithaca Tabernacle at Ithaca from 1890 until 1898; pastor at Van Etten, New York, from 1898 until 1900; pastor at Blodgett Mills, New York, from 1900 until 1902; pastor at Truxton, New York, from 1902 until 1903; pastor at Jermyn, Pennsylvania, from 1903 until 1907; pastor at Wyoming, Pennsylvania, from 1907 until 1913; and pastor at Mecklenburg, New York, from 1913 until his retirement. Reverend Orrin W. Cook is a Republican. His wife died in 1895 and is buried at Susquehanna, Pennsylvania. To Reverend and Mrs. Orrin W. Cook only one child was born, G. Louis, the subject of this sketch.

G. Louis Cook attended the public schools, being a graduate of Ithaca High School in 1895. His entire banking career has been spent in the Ithaca Savings Bank. He began as assistant bookkeeper in November, 1896, and in 1913 became treasurer. After serving for 17 years in various capacities he became vice

president also and is recognized as one of the most able executives of the institution.

On September 26, 1898, Mr. Cook was united in marriage with Miss Eva L. Smith, of Ithaca, born June 15, 1879, the daughter of Henry and Sarah J. (Jackson) Smith. Mr. Smith, who was born in Tompkins County, was a farmer throughout his life and served during the Civil War as a member of the 137th New York Volunteer Infantry. He was a Democrat and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife was also a native of Tompkins County, born at Danby. Both are deceased and are buried in Ithaca. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have an only son, Louis E., born at Ithaca, December 2, 1901. He is a graduate of Ithaca High School and attended Cornell University for two years. He is identified with the Ithaca Savings Bank as teller. He married Miss Mary MacDonald, of Hartford, Connecticut, and they are the parents of a daughter, Barbara Ann, born October 26, 1931.

Since 1921 Mr. Cook has served as a member of the Ithaca Board of Education and he was elected president of the board in November, 1931. Politically, Mr. Cook is a Democrat. He is treasurer of the Rotary Club, director of the Chamber of Commerce, vice president of the Ithaca Mechanics Society, and president and treasurer of Lake View Cemetery Association. He is an active member of the Baptist Church, of which he is treasurer and trustee.

Mr. Cook and his family reside at 112 West Marshall Street, Ithaca, and also have an attractive summer home at "Maplewood", on Lake Cayuga.

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**Lewis E. Dofflemyer.**—A substantial citizen of Ithaca is Lewis E. Dofflemyer, who is serving as city assessor and building commissioner. He was born at Kansas City, Missouri, April 1, 1867, the son of Daniel and Virginia (Ellington) Dofflemyer.

Daniel Dofflemyer was born at Harpers Ferry, Virginia. After completing his early schooling he attended a Methodist Ministry



Preparatory School at Harpers Ferry, and as a young man went to Westport Landing, Missouri, now Kansas City, and was one of the pioneer settlers. He preached to the Indians at Shawnee Mission, Kansas, for more than 20 years, and also was interested in a general mercantile business. He was one of two white men to organize a Masonic Lodge at Wyandot, Kansas, about 1870, the balance of the membership being composed of Indians. Reverend Dofflemyer died in 1887 and is buried at Kansas City, Missouri. He was a Democrat and also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife was born in Greenup County, Kentucky, and died in 1890. Their children were: 1. John T., retired, lives at Warrensburg, Missouri. 2. Alice E., who died in 1930, was the wife of W. A. Lynn, of Liberty, Missouri. 3. Thomas J., who died at Los Angeles, California, in 1931. 4. Lewis E., the subject of this sketch. 5. Virginia L., married L. D. Neill, lives at Ithaca. 6. Charles E., lives at Brawley, California.

Lewis E. Dofflemyer is a graduate of the Kansas City public schools and in 1891 received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Architecture at Cornell University. He spent two years as a draftsman in the offices of Knox & Guinotte, architects, of Kansas City. Upon his return to Ithaca he conducted a drug business at 214 East State Street, in partnership with his brother-in-law, DeForest F. Christiance, the business being known as the Platt Drug Company. Mr. Dofflemyer retired from the firm in 1899 and during the following twenty-six years served as secretary of the Jamieson-McKinney Company of Ithaca. During 1925-28 he was interested in the real estate business at Cocanut Grove, Florida, and in the latter year was appointed by Mayor Fred B. Howe as city assessor and building commissioner.

On October 25, 1892, Mr. Dofflemyer married Miss Alice M. Christiance of Ithaca, New York. She was born January 7, 1869, the daughter of George and Mary E. (DeBell) Christiance. Mr. Christiance died in 1924 and his wife died in 1928. They are buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Ithaca. He was the founder of the city's leading retail shoe business and was associated with his brother, Ralph Christiance. The business was located

on East State Street. Mr. Christiance was a Democrat and held membership in the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Dofflemyer have no children.

Mr. Dofflemyer is a prominent member of the Congregational Church in Ithaca and is affiliated with Hobosco Lodge, No. 716, F. and A. M.; Eagle Chapter, No. 51, R. A. M.; Lodge of Perfection, 14th degree; St. Augustine Commandery, No. 38, K. T., and is present advisor of Cayuga Chapter of DeMolay. He also belongs to the Cornell Club. Politically Mr. Dofflemyer is a Republican.

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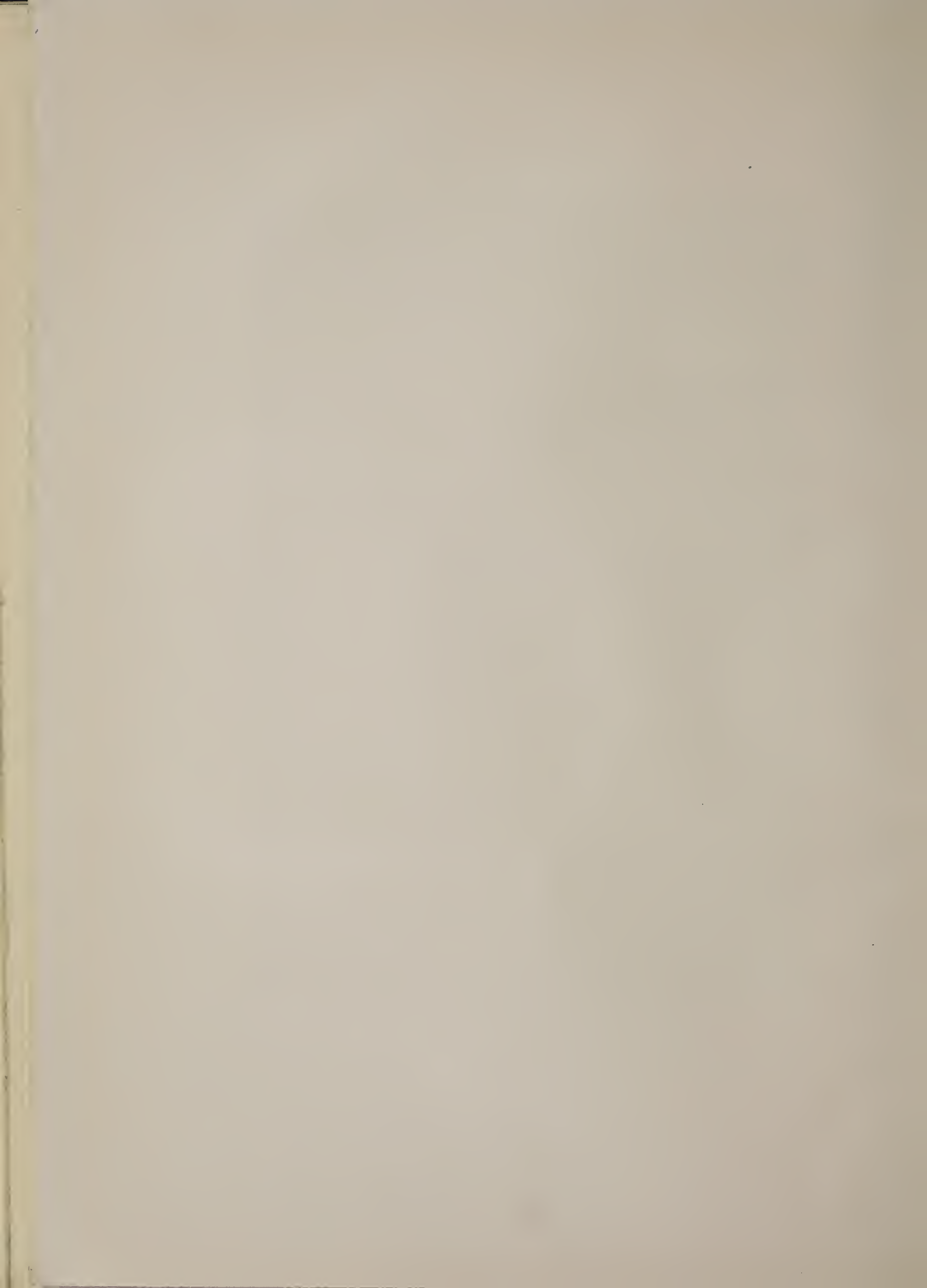
**Hon. James Richards Robinson.**—One of the most prominent figures in public affairs in Central New York is James Richards Robinson, attorney, who has served as a member of the New York State Legislature continuously since 1923, and he is also associated in the practice of law with Judge Edwin S. Banks at Ithaca. He was born at Elmira, Chemung County, New York, June 27, 1885, the son of Rev. James Richard and Mary Lydia (Forbes) Robinson.

Rev. James Richards Robinson was born at Richland, Oswego County, New York, June 10, 1846. He received his early education in Mexico (New York) Academy and attended Falley Seminary at Fulton, New York. He was graduated from Hamilton College in 1871 and received a degree also at Auburn Theological Seminary in 1885. From 1871 until 1881 he was teacher and principal of Southold Academy, at Southold, New York, and after his graduation from the Auburn Theological Seminary he located at Elmira in 1885, where he was pastor of McGee Chapel until 1888. He spent the following four years as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Southport and from 1892 until 1896 was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Painted Post, New York. He served for four years as pastor at Knoxville, Pennsylvania, and in 1900 came to Ithaca to educate his children. Rev. James R. Robinson died in 1914 and is buried in Eastlawn Cemetery, Ithaca. His widow was born at Ellisburg, New York, September 20, 1846,





HON. JAMES RICHARDS ROBINSON





and lives at Baldwinsville, New York. Rev. James R. Robinson was a Democrat, and was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. To Rev. and Mrs. James R. Robinson were born eleven children, as follows: 1. Jay Forbes, retired minister of the Presbyterian Church, lives at Red Creek, New York. 2. Elizabeth Forbes, died in 1914, was the wife of Walter A. Smith, of Woodhull, New York. 3. Mary H., married Henry Lechtercker, lives at Rockville Center, New York. 4. Dr. John Alden, who died in 1907. 5. Edward N., who died in infancy. 6. Ruth Richards, married Rev. H. B. Reddick, lives at Baldwinsville, New York. 7. Ralph, M. D., lives at Cleveland, Ohio. 8. Dean G., who died in 1903. 9. Edward Weeks, minister of the Congregational Church at Baldwinsville. 10. James Richards, lives at Ithaca. 11. J. Theodore, a public accountant, lives at Buffalo, New York.

James Richards Robinson acquired his early education in the public schools of Ithaca, and was graduated from Ithaca High School in 1905. He then entered Cornell University, from which he received the degree of LL. B. in 1910, being admitted to the bar in the same year. He immediately established his practice in Ithaca with Judge S. Edwin Banks. Mr. Robinson served for three terms as supervisor of Tompkins County and for twenty-one years has been a member of the Republican County Committee, two years of which he was secretary. During his career in the Legislature he has been a member of the committees on Ways and Means, Codes, and chairman of the Committee on Labor and Industries, and the joint committee on Banking Legislature. He has also been a member of the State Commission on Prison Administration. He was a member of the joint legislative committee on state reorganization, and during the 1932 session of the Legislature he secured the passage of legislation amending the Bauman Laws. Mr. Robinson was also instrumental in the establishment of the College of Home Economics at Cornell University.

In July, 1906, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage with Miss Elsie L. Williams, who was born at Ithaca, September 12, 1886, the daughter of George R. and Ellen (Boardman) Williams, natives of Ithaca. Mr. Williams, president of the First National

Bank of Ithaca, died in 1906 and his widow lives at Ithaca. She is the daughter of the late Judge Douglas Boardman, of Ithaca. To Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were born the following children: 1. Ruth, married Jason Seabury Pettingill, in 1932. She is a graduate of Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland, class of 1928, and was engaged in social welfare work in New York City for four years. Now resides in Los Angeles, California. 2. Robert W., attended Cornell University and Hamilton College. He is now connected with the Chase National Bank, New York City. 3. Elsie Louise, attends Cornell University. 4. John Alden, attends Ithaca High School. 5. Emily Boardman, attends Ithaca High School. 6. Janet Mary, attends Ithaca High School. 7. James Richards, Jr., attends junior high school.

Mr. Robinson is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, F. and A. M., Past Master; Eagle Chapter, No. 58, R. A. M.; St. Augustine Commandery, No. 38, K. T., Past Commander; Ithaca Lodge of Perfection, Past Master; Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Cayuga-Tompkins Masonic District Otsego Consistory, 32nd degree; Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; B. P. O. Elks, No. 636; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 71; Ithaca Country Club; Tompkins County Fish and Game Club; Cornell Club of Ithaca; Rotary Club; Chamber of Commerce; and Y. M. C. A., of which he is chairman of the Board of Trustees. He was treasurer of the Tompkins County War Chest Association during the World War and also treasurer of the county Liberty Loan committee during the second, third, fourth and fifth drives. Mr. Robinson was a former trustee of Ithaca City Hospital, director and treasurer of the Ithaca Masonic Corporation; trustee of the Social Service League; and member of the Tompkins County and New York State Bar associations.

Mr. Robinson is a director of the Ithaca Realty Company, director of the Lang Engine & Garage Company and director of the First National Bank of Ithaca. In 1908 Mr. Robinson joined the Ithaca Volunteer Fire Department, Tornado Hook and Ladder



Company No. 3, and from 1914 to 1922 he served as First Assistant Chief of the Ithaca Fire Department, and is still a member of the department.

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**George Schuyler Tarbell.**—Representative of the prominent and influential men of Ithaca is George Schuyler Tarbell, who has engaged in the practice of law in this city continuously since 1894. He was born at Groton, Tompkins County, July 15, 1868, the son of Doctor and Mary L. (Conant) Tarbell.

Major Doctor Tarbell, named Doctor because he was the seventh son of a seventh son, was a veteran of the Civil War. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, while attending Ithaca High School, he promptly volunteered as a private in Company A, Thirty-second Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, the first military organization to leave Tompkins County. Later, as a first lieutenant he successfully led a volunteer "forlorn hope" of 100 men across the Chickahominy River to drive back the rebel sharp shooters in front of Richmond, Virginia. For this he was promoted to captain and became staff officer under Generals Newton, Russell, and Whipple. At the Battle of Gettysburg he served on General Sickles staff, and a year later while carrying messages was captured by Mosby's gorillas and taken prisoner. Early in 1865 he was exchanged and became a member of General Sheridan's staff and was promoted to the rank of major. After the close of the war he attended Cornell University, being a member of its first entering class in 1868. He served for two terms as county clerk; then for many years was agent of the Remington Typewriter Company, and later became general agent for the Equitable Life Assurance Company until the time of his death in 1895. He was a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Grand Army of the Republic.

Mary L. (Conant) Tarbell, deceased, was a native of Massachusetts and a direct lineal descendant of Roger Conant who came to Cape Ann in 1623 and was Governor of the Cape Ann

Station, and later founded Salem, Massachusetts, and upon her mother's side descended from Captain Henry King, an American Revolution officer.

To Mr. and Mrs. D. Tarbell were born three children: 1. George Schuyler, the subject of this sketch. 2. Clarence D., who lives at Ithaca. 3. Bertha M., married Benjamin S. Hubbell, lives at Cleveland, Ohio.

George Schuyler Tarbell is a graduate of Ithaca High School and received the degrees of Ph. B. and LL. B. at Cornell University in 1891 and 1894 respectively. During his undergraduate days he took a prominent part in campus affairs, being one of the organizers and a director of the League of University Republican Clubs, vice commodore of the C. U. Navy during 1889-90, and senior major of C. U. Regiment in 1890-91. He was a member of the "Tug-of-War" team at Cornell and still holds the world's record for rope climbing hand over hand.

Upon his admission to the Bar in 1894, Mr. Tarbell established his practice in the City of Ithaca; and since 1896 has maintained offices in the Ithaca Trust Company Building, being the building's earliest tenant. He served as U. S. Referee in Bankruptcy from 1898 until 1924, in the district including Tompkins, Tioga and Cortland counties. He also was city attorney of Ithaca from 1901 to 1903, and was treasurer of the Ithaca Industrial Commission throughout its entire existence, and as such was active in securing for Ithaca the present flying field and Stewart Park. He has extensive real estate interests and is chairman of the Ithaca city planning commission (1930-33), member of the Stewart Park Commission, president of the Cayuga Lake Cottage Owners' Association, member of Taughannock Boulevard Committee, member of the Board of Directors of the Finger Lakes Association, Director of Ithaca Masonic Club, Chairman of the Highway Committee and active on the Civic Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and served as police commissioner from 1919 until 1924. Mr. Tarbell also has been treasurer of the Cornell University Alumni Association, president and graduate director of the Cornell University Daily Sun, Inc., from 1905 until 1916,



director of Roger Conant Association and president of the Cornell Delta Phi Association from 1900 to 1933.

On June 15, 1893, Mr. Tarbell married Miss Grace Louise Jones, of Owego, the daughter of John and Emma Eagle (Cooper) Jones, of Owego, New York. Mrs. Tarbell is a graduate of Owego Academy and attended Wellesley College. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tarbell: 1. Dorothy, a graduate of Cornell University, class of 1916, who also attended Sweetbrier College. She married Ernest E. Jenks, and lives at Great Neck, Long Island. They have three children: Geraldine W., James M. and G. Schuyler Tarbell Jenks. 2. Louise, a graduate of Cathedral School, Washington, District of Columbia, and Cornell University, class of 1921. She married Major Ralph Hospital, U. S. Army. They have a daughter, Louise. 3. George Schuyler, Jr., assistant U. S. attorney, sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

George Schuyler Tarbell originally organized and led the annual clean-up in Ithaca until it became an institution. During the World War Mr. Tarbell was active as a four-minute man in Liberty Loan and patriotic drives. As Police Commissioner after the World War he reorganized, reequipped and made more efficient the Ithaca Police Department.

For many years he has been active in moves for purer city water, cleaner Cayuga Lake, stabilization of lake level, and has materially aided in the promotion of farsighted plans for city improvement, both material and artistic, including acquiring of added park lands, vistas, overlooks, and parkways in and about Ithaca.

He has always been a Republican, and was secretary of its county committee for fifteen years.

His lodge and club affiliations are: Masonic Lodge, 32nd degree, Knights Templar; B. P. O. E.; Rotary Club; Chamber of Commerce; formerly Commodore of the Ithaca Motor Boat Club, and President of the Ithaca Automobile Club; and member of the Tompkins County, New York State, and American Bar associations.

Mr. Tarbell and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church. They live at 110 North Geneva Street, Ithaca, and also have a summer home at Engleside, on Lake Cayuga.

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**George Schuyler Tarbell, Jr.**—Among the younger generation of prominent lawyers in Central New York is George Schuyler Tarbell, Jr., who is assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, with offices in New York City. He was born at Ithaca, January 6, 1905, the son of George Schuyler and Grace Louise (Jones) Tarbell.

A complete sketch of George Schuyler Tarbell, Sr., is found elsewhere in this history.

G. S. Tarbell, Jr., acquired his early education in the public schools of Ithaca. As a boy scout he was active, and during the World War won the distinction of selling more War Savings Stamps than any other boy scout in the United States, for which he received high praise from President Woodrow Wilson. He received a New York State scholarship at Cornell University, from which he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1926. While a student at Cornell he was inter-college crew manager, assistant leader and leader of the Cornell Glee Club for three years, and served on various student committees, also being a member of Delta Phi fraternity, Red Key, and senior honorary society of Quill and Dagger.

He received his legal education at Yale University Law School, taking the degree of LL. B. in 1929. He was a member of the Yale Law Journal Board, and served as one of its managers; and while an undergraduate student for two years was a member of the staff of the New Haven Municipal Legal Aid Bureau, which, with the approval of Bench and Bar and Law faculty, furnishes free legal advice to the poor of New Haven. He also was a member of Phi Delta Phi Legal fraternity and of Corby Court at Yale.

In college and since Mr. Tarbell has enjoyed an enviable record as a fast and long distance swimmer.

Mr. Tarbell was admitted to the Bar in 1929.



Six months before graduation he engaged to become associated upon graduation with the law firm of Chadbourne, Hunt, Jaeckel & Brown, 165 Broadway, New York City, with whom he remained eighteen months until he was appointed June 1, 1931, assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, at which post he is actively practicing law.

Mr. Tarbell is a member of the New York County Lawyers, New York State Bar Association, and American Bar Association; also holds membership in the Presbyterian Church Association, St. Bartholomew's Club, and is an active member of Squadron A, One Hundred and First Cavalry, New York National Guard.

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**Hon. Fred B. Howe, D. D. S.**—Highly successful in his chosen profession in the City of Ithaca for more than forty years, Dr. Fred B. Howe, dental surgeon, and president of the Dental Society of the State of New York, is also one of the leading citizens of Tompkins County. He was born at Dryden, Tompkins County, August 4, 1869, the son of Dr. Freeman S. and Caroline Amanda (Baker) Howe.

Dr. Freeman S. Howe, deceased, was prominent in Central New York for many years as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. He was born at Dryden, attended the Academy there, and as a young man studied dentistry. He followed his profession at Dryden from 1856 until 1872, was then located in practice at Ithaca until 1892, and in the latter year resumed his well established practice at Dryden. He died there in 1912. His wife, also born at Dryden, died in 1925. Both are buried there. Doctor Howe was a prominent member of the Aurora Street Methodist Church for many years and a member of its choir, being widely known as a fine singer. He also was leader of the Fiftieth Regimental Band of Ithaca and was a cornet player. He was a Republican in politics and was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Knights of Pythias. He was also a member of the Sixth District Dental Society of New York. To Freeman S. and Caroline Amanda (Baker) Howe were born two children: 1. Dr.

John B., mention of whom is made below. 2. Fred B., the subject of this sketch.

John B. Howe was born at Dryden, New York, August 15, 1863, and died at Ithaca May 15, 1930. He is buried in this city. He was educated in the public schools of Ithaca and received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania in 1887. He then became associated in practice with his father in Ithaca and when the latter returned to Dryden in 1892, Dr. John B. and Dr. Fred B. Howe carried on the extensive practice together. They continued as professional partners until the death of Dr. John B. Howe in 1930. He had been president of the Sixth District New York State Dental Society, and was a member of the Tompkins County Dental Association. He was also a charter member of the Rotary Club, and held membership in the Town & Gown Club, Ithaca Country Club, Masonic Lodge and Shrine, Volunteer Protective Police and Fire Departments No. 3, and served on the City Zoning Board. He was a life long Republican. Doctor Howe possessed a fine tenor voice and was active in many local glee and choral clubs, also being a member of the Cornell Savage Club. He married on October 25, 1888, Miss Fannie Wood, of Warwick, New York, who survives him. Their children are: 1. Carl, D. D. S., who is associated in practice with his uncle in Ithaca. 2. Mrs. Herbert Putnam, who lives at Cleveland, Ohio.

Fred B. Howe grew up in Ithaca and is a graduate of the public schools in this city. He received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania in 1891, and in the following year became associated in practice with his brother, as mentioned above. Since the death of his brother Dr. John B. Howe in 1930, Drs. Cross, Crowley and Carl Howe have been associated with Dr. Fred B. Howe. The firm has gained a State wide reputation and has established an excellent clientele. They have offices in the Ithaca Savings Bank Building.

On November 13, 1891, Doctor Howe was united in marriage with Miss Mabel E. George, born in Redwood, Jefferson County, New York, the daughter of Japhus and Martha George, both deceased. To them has been born a daughter, Gertrude Nola,



born in 1895. She is a graduate of Ithaca High School, Lady Jane Grey's School, at Binghamton, New York, and the Eastman Dental Dispensary, at Rochester. She is now dental hygienist in the office of her father.

Politically, Doctor Howe has always been a Republican. He held the office of mayor of Ithaca from 1926 until 1929, a two term office, and under Mayor Horton was fire commissioner during 1908 and police commissioner during 1924-25 under Mayor Sowdon. He is a member of the B. P. O. Elks, No. 636, being one of the founders of the local lodge and Exalted Ruler in 1900; Hobasco Lodge No. 716, F. & A. M.; Past President of the Ithaca Rotary Club; Ithaca Country Club; director of the Chamber of Commerce; and member of the Sixth District Dental Society, he is president of the Dental Society of the State of New York, and member of the American Dental Association. He is a director of the Reconstruction Home of Ithaca, and a former captain of the Tornado Hook & Ladder Volunteer Fire Company, of Ithaca, and the Protective Police.

In 1911 Doctor Howe organized the Star Theatre Company and built the Star Theatre on Seneca Street and in 1914 built the Crescent Theatre on Aurora Street. They later merged with the Strand Theatre and the name was changed to the Ithaca Theatre Company and Doctor Howe was president of that concern. He disposed of his interests in 1928.

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**Claude L. Kulp.**—A widely known citizen and popular school official of Central New York is Claude L. Kulp, who is superintendent of the Ithaca public schools. He was born at Rochester, New York, April 28, 1894, a son of Arthur H. and Rhoda (Bahan) Kulp.

Arthur H. Kulp was born at Buffalo, New York, and spent his early life in that city. He became a mason contractor and engaged in business at Elba, Buffalo, and Rochester. He was killed in a railroad accident in 1899 at the age of thirty-eight years, and is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester. Mr.

Kulp was a Republican and a member of the Baptist Church. Only one child was born to Arthur H. and Rhoda (Bahan) Kulp, Claude L., the subject of this sketch. By a first marriage she had two children: 1. Samuel J. Keyes, who is owner of Catamount Tavern, at Bennington, Vermont. 2. Mabel, married George A. Wakeman, lives at Rochester. Mrs. Kulp died in 1924 and is buried at Rochester.

Claude L. Kulp attended the public schools of Rochester and is a graduate of Mechanics Institute in that city. In 1916 he came to Ithaca as an instructor in Industrial Arts in the high school, and served in that capacity until February, 1918, at which time he volunteered for service in the World War. He was assigned to Fort Adams, Rhode Island, as an instructor in coast artillery, and was later transferred to Fortress Monroe and Camp Eustis, Virginia, being an instructor in the latter camp of Motor Transport Company, No. 672. He was honorably discharged from the service, April 22, 1919, as a First Sergeant. Mr. Kulp returned to Ithaca High School as an instructor and in 1920 was appointed director of Industrial Arts, which position he successfully filled until 1930. From 1922 until 1930 he was also principal of the evening and Summer schools in the city, and from 1923 until 1926 was principal of Ithaca Junior High School. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science at the University of Rochester in 1927, and the degree of Master of Arts from Cornell University in 1930. In 1927 Mr. Kulp was appointed director of elementary education and in 1928 assistant superintendent of schools. He assumed his present duties as superintendent in 1930. He is an ardent supporter of high school athletics and during 1916-17, and 1919 was football coach at the high school.

On August 25, 1919, Mr. Kulp was united in marriage with Miss Mabel Deltha Ross, of Batavia, New York, the daughter of Louis and Mary (Mockford) Ross. The former died in May, 1926, and the latter resides at Hamlin, New York. Mr. Ross was a farmer and spent a number of years at Waverly, Iowa. He later returned to Spencerport, New York, where he died. He was a member of the Baptist Church. Mabel (Ross) Kulp was



born at Batavia September 6, 1896. She is a graduate of Batavia High School and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of Rochester in 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Kulp have two sons: 1. Arthur C., born April 4, 1921. 2. Robert R., born September 13, 1923.

Politically Mr. Kulp is independent. He is a member of the Methodist Church and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Hobasco Lodge, No. 716, F. & A. M.; Eagle Chapter, No. 58, R. A. M.; Phi Delta Kappa, and Kappa Phi Kappa fraternities; American Legion, Post No. 221; Past President of the Exchange Club; member of the Rotary Club; and Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the New York State Teachers Association and vice president of the Southern Zone Section of that Association; member of the National Education Association; and member of the department of Superintendence. He is president of the Ithaca Community Chest; member of the Board of Directors of the Ithaca Y. M. C. A. and a director of Fuertes Council, Boy Scouts of America. He is also a director of the Ithaca Savings and Loan Association.

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**Arthur N. Gibb.**—Representative of Ithaca's most prominent professional men is Arthur N. Gibb, architect, with offices at 302 East State Street. He was born at Quebec, Canada, May 23, 1868, the son of John L. and Elizabeth (McCallum) Gibb, and was naturalized as a citizen of the United States in 1897.

John L. Gibb was a native of Quebec, where he received his early schooling. He then studied at Edinburg, Scotland, and as a young man entered the lumber and shipping business which had been organized by his father, James Gibb, who died October 10, 1858, and is buried in Quebec, Canada. He, James Gibb, also had extensive banking interests, being president of the Quebec Bank and president of the Richelieu Ontario Navigation Company, the latter operating on the St. Lawrence River and Great Lakes. John L. Gibb died in 1927 and is buried in St. Catherine's, Province of Ontario. His wife died in 1924. He was a Con-

servative and held membership in the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Gibb were born five sons: 1. Ernest, died in infancy. 2. James Sidney, retired banker, lives at St. Catherine's, Ontario. 3. John Gordon, deceased. 4. Allan, who died in 1880. 5. Arthur N., the subject of this sketch.

Arthur N. Gibb attended the public schools of Quebec and attended Trinity College School at Fort Hope, Ontario, as well as Upper Canada College, at Toronto. He attended private schools at Neuchatel, Switzerland, and received the degree of B. S. in Architecture at Cornell University in 1890. Two years later he established offices in the City of Ithaca and was associated with C. L. Vivian. In 1902 the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Gibb continued alone for three years. Then from 1905 until 1927 he was associated with O. H. Waltz. Since the latter date Mr. Gibb has maintained a private practice. He has completed plans for numerous building projects, including the following: For Cornell University, center section of Sibly College; Baker Laboratory of Chemistry; Schoelkopf Memorial and Athletic Field. City of Ithaca: Junior High School, Central School, Henry A. St. John School, Treman, King & Company Building, Rothschild Building, Ithaca Savings Bank, Ithaca Trust Company, Ithaca City Hospital, Odd Fellow State Orphanage. He also drew up plans and specifications for the science and dining hall buildings at Wells College, at Aurora-on-Cayuga, New York; Robert Packer Hospital, at Sayre, Pennsylvania; and numerous fine residences in New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Michigan, Connecticut, and California. At the present time he is completing plans for the erection of Herman M. Biggs State Memorial Hospital to be built for the State of New York near Ithaca.

On June 3, 1897, Mr. Gibb was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Collins, of Springfield, Massachusetts, the daughter of Dr. Henry A. and Mary (Graves) Collins. Doctor Collins, a leading physician and surgeon of Springfield, Massachusetts, for many years, is now deceased. Mrs. Gibb is a graduate of Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts. To Mr. and Mrs. Gibb have been born two children: 1. John Collins, born in



June, 1899, a graduate of Ithaca High School and Cornell University, class of 1924. He is a mechanical engineer in the employ of the Fairbanks Morse Company, of Chicago, Illinois, and resides at Cleveland, Ohio. He married Miss Josephine Cummings, of Centerville, Michigan, and they have a son, Frank Cummings Gibb. 2. Mary Murison, born in October, 1900, a graduate of Ithaca High School, attended Cornell University. She married Leslie I. Nichols, of New York City, who is a graduate of Cornell University, Bachelor of Architecture in 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have a son, William Edmund II.

Mr. Gibb is an independent Republican in politics. He holds membership in the Church of Christ Scientist, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Cornell Club of New York City, Town & Gown Club, Ithaca Yacht Club, Chi Phi fraternity, Rotary Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He also is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architecture, a member of Central New York Chapter of Architects, and is a director of the State Council of Registered Architects.

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**Robert A. Hutchinson**, who has held the office of Probation Officer in Tompkins County since April, 1919, has a wide acquaintance in Ithaca and the surrounding community. He was born at North Guilford, Connecticut, June 7, 1893, the son of Rev. William H. and Harriet L. (Addis) Hutchinson.

Rev. William H. Hutchinson was a native of England, born at Cropwell Butler, Nottinghamshire. He was educated there and completed his early education in private schools in London. As a young man he engaged in missionary work in that city and in 1888 came to the United States. He attended Yale University for one year, and from 1889 until 1892 was a student at Berkley Divinity School at Middletown, Connecticut. He was ordained in 1892 and during the following year was pastor of the Episcopal Church at North Guilford, Connecticut. He was pastor of St. Peter's Church at Milford, Connecticut, during 1893-1900; pastor of Christ Church at Sharon, Connecticut, dur-

ing 1900-05; pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church at Ithaca during 1905-11; pastor of Christ Church at Clayton, New York, during 1911-13; and pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church at Utica, New York, from 1913 until the time of his death in 1916. He is buried at Utica. Reverend Hutchinson was a Republican and held membership in Fidelity Lodge, F. & A. M., the Grange, and Royal Arcanum. His widow was born at Chicago, Illinois, and now lives in Ithaca. Their children were: 1. Robert A., the subject of this sketch. 2. Noel Parker, married Donald Townsend, lives at Rochester. 3. Maxwell B., lives at Syracuse. 4. Miles T., lives at Utica. The latter two are identified with the Hutchinson-Schorer Store Fixture Company, which operates stores at Syracuse and Utica.

Robert A. Hutchinson attended the Ithaca public schools and in 1915 received the degree of LL. B. at Cornell University, being admitted to the bar in November, 1916. During the following year he served as a clerk in the office of George S. Tarbell, attorney of Ithaca, and in 1917 became telegraph editor of the Ithaca Journal-News. During 1918 Mr. Hutchinson was telegraph editor of the Elmira Star-Gazette, and from July, 1918 until March, 1919, was assistant purchasing agent for the Thomas-Morse Aircraft Corporation, of Ithaca. He received his present appointment as county probation officer April 15, 1919. In 1920 he was elected president of the Tompkins County Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a post he now holds. In 1923 he became clerk of the Tompkins County Children's Court and now occupies that position under Judge W. M. Kent.

On April 13, 1918, Mr. Hutchinson married Miss Ethel M. Stevenson, who was born at Ithaca, October 4, 1899. She is a graduate of Ithaca High School. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson have no children.

Politically Mr. Hutchinson is a Republican. He belongs to Fidelity Lodge, F. and A. M., B. P. O. Elks, Town and Gown Club, Ithaca Country Club, Cornell Club of Ithaca, Exchange Club, and Tompkins County Bar Association, and the Tompkins County



Conference of Public and Welfare Agencies. He also belongs to Phi Delta Phi Honorary Law Fraternity at Cornell University and served on the staff of the Cornell Daily Sun.

Mr. Hutchinson has always taken a prominent and important part in athletics, both in college and in city sports. In 1914-15 he was all-around athletic champion at Ithaca Y. M. C. A.. He was a member of the Eagles baseball team from 1924 until 1929. This team won the city championship for five successive years and in 1925 placed third in the National Baseball Federation Tournament at Cleveland, Ohio. In basketball, Mr. Hutchinson was a member of the Cornell law school team and later played on the Ithaca Imperials, Southern Tier Champions, during 1916-23. As a golfer, he was runner-up in the Finger Lakes Golf Association championship tournament at Cortland in 1924, Waverly in 1925 and Ithaca in 1929, and champion of Country Club of Ithaca in 1932. He has been captain of the Elks Bowling Club of Ithaca for seven years. This team won the city five-man championship in 1928 and 1929, and three-man titles on numerous occasions. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the New York State Bowling Association and since 1931 has been president of the Ithaca City Bowling League and secretary of the Ithaca Bowling Association. In Squash racquets, he is captain of the Town and Gown Club team, and won the 1932 Dallenback trophy at Ithaca. In tennis, he was a member of the Cornell Varsity squad in 1914-1915 and a semi-finalist in the 1932 Ithaca City Championships.

Mr. Hutchinson is a member of the Episcopal Church. From 1913 until 1930 he represented the Syracuse Post-Standard in correspondence work at Ithaca and in the Thousand Islands. He has been identified with prevention of cruelty among animals in Tompkins County for twelve years and is a vice president of the New York State Convention of Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and Animals. From 1915 until 1932 Mr. Hutchinson was an active member of the Ithaca Fire Department belonging to Tornado Hook and Ladder Company No. 3.

**Hon. S. Edwin Banks.**—One of the leading members of the Tompkins County Bar is S. Edwin Banks, who has been a successful lawyer in Ithaca for more than thirty-five years. He has also served as special county judge and surrogate from 1900 until January 1, 1932. Mr. Banks was born at Millport, Chemung County, New York, January 17, 1861, the son of Stephen B. and Josephine (Tremen) Banks.

Stephen B. Banks was born at Bedford, New York, and died at Fredericksburg, Virginia, August 13, 1917. He was reared and educated in Sullivan County, New York, and for a time was employed by the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company. He later owned and operated a canal boat until his association with Jared Treman, his father-in-law, as owners of a flour mill at Millport, New York. Later they reorganized as Treman, Banks & Mosher, and in 1868 Stephen B. Banks sold his interest to S. C. Allen and went to Chillicothe, Missouri, where he purchased a farm. He sold it in 1872 and engaged in the wholesale grocery business at Chillicothe until 1874, at which time he returned to Millport to his former business interests as a member of the firm of Banks & Allen. Mr. Banks retired in 1882 and later lived at Watkins Glens. His wife was born at Trumansburg, New York, and died May 20, 1897. Both are buried at Ithaca. Mr. Banks was a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and Masonic Lodge. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Banks: 1. Morris T., deceased. 2. Louise L., the widow of George Utter, lives at Ithaca. 3. Frederick, who died in infancy. 4. S. Edwin, the subject of this sketch. 5. Carrie B., married Samuel Lacy, lives in Tompkins County. 6. John B., lives at Elmira, New York.

S. Edwin Banks attended the public schools of Millport, and later at Chillicothe, Missouri. He returned to Millport with his parents in 1874 and seven years later came to Ithaca as a bookkeeper in the Tompkins County National Bank. For a time he was interested in the hardware business at Watkins Glens, New York, in partnership with his brother, Morris T. Banks, but in 1892 he returned to Ithaca. He then entered Cornell University, from which he received the degree of LL. B. in 1895, being admitted to the bar in the same year. He then became a clerk in the





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offices of J. T. Newman, and after a few months became a member of the firm of Newman, Blood, Banks & Bostwick. Since 1899 Mr. Banks has engaged in private practice in Ithaca. He is also a trustee of the Ithaca Savings Bank. He has also been president of the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, now Ithaca College, for many years.

Mr. Banks was married in 1898 to Miss Calvinia O'Daniel, of Ithaca, the daughter of Addison and Mary F. (Gardner) O'Daniel. Both were natives of Tompkins County and are deceased. Mr. O'Daniel was a Civil War veteran and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. To Mr. and Mrs. Banks were born three children: 1. Robert Treman, born November 26, 1901, a graduate of Ithaca High School and Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts degree in 1923. He then taught for one year at the university and for two years was a member of the faculty at the University of Nebraska. He spent a year in graduate study in Paris, France, and is now working for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Cornell University. He is unmarried and lives at home. 2. Richard E., born January 25, 1905, a graduate of Ithaca High School and was a student at Cornell University at the time of his death, February 13, 1924. He is buried in Ithaca. 3. Virginia G., born December 2, 1909, a graduate of Ithaca High School and Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts degree in 1931. She is now a graduate student at the university.

Politically, Mr. Banks has always been a Republican. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, F. and A. M.; Eagle Chapter, No. 58, R. A. M., and St. Augustine Commandery, No. 38, K. T. He lives with his family at 412 University Avenue, Ithaca, and is the owner of a fine farm of 180 acres near Brooktondale, Tompkins County, where he has a herd of pure bred Guernsey cattle.

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**Herbert M. Blanche.**—One of the leading citizens of Ithaca, well known throughout Central New York, is Herbert M. Blanche, landscape architect and general superintendent of the Finger Lakes State Park Commission. He is a native of England, born

in London, March 7, 1885, the son of Edwin and Catherine (Berry) Blanche.

Edwin Blanche lived in London throughout his life, and for more than half a century was successful as a manufacturer of pianos at Highgate. He died in 1884 and his wife, a native of Sudbury, died in 1896. They were members of the Congregational Church. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Blanche: 1. Marie Elizabeth, the widow of John Coyle, lives at Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. 2. Edwin Josiah, lives at Regina. 3. Herbert M., the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from the public schools of Suffolk, England, Herbert H. Blanche became a student in landscape architecture at the Royal Botanical Gardens, at Kew, England. At the age of twenty-four years he came to the United States as landscape architect in charge of the estate of Samuel Untermeyer, at Yonkers, New York. He remained there for almost five years and afterwards spent two years on the Harris estate at Irvington, New York. Mr. Blanche subsequently entered Cornell University and received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture in that institution in 1920. During the World War he enlisted and served at Camp Lee, Virginia. He served in the Officer's Training Corps. He was honorably discharged in November, 1918. He then was a landscape designer field superintendent for Olmsted Brothers, at Brookline, Massachusetts, and in 1924, became identified with the Finger Lakes State Park Commission as chief forester, with headquarters at Ithaca. He was appointed landscape architect and general superintendent in 1927. Mr. Blanche holds membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects and is a Fellow of the American Institute of Park Executives.

On January 27, 1911, Mr. Blanche was married at Yonkers, New York, to Miss Agnes Grace Doncaster, a native of Kensington, England, born February 27, 1884. She is the daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Doncaster, who are residents of Kensington. Mr. and Mrs. Blanche have twin daughters, Nancy Catherine, and Marie Elizabeth, born November 25, 1923.

Politically Mr. Blanche is independent. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Rotary Club.



**Louis K. Thaler** is successfully engaged in the practice of law at Ithaca as a member of the firm of Stagg, Thaler & Stagg, with offices at 220 North Tioga Street. He was born in New York City, November 9, 1903, the son of Jacob John and Rebecca (Marko) Thaler.

Jacob John Thaler is widely known in Brooklyn, New York, as the president of Jacob J. Thaler Company, manufacturers of suspenders. He has been identified with that enterprise for many years. Mr. Thaler and his wife are natives of Germany and live in Brooklyn. He is a Republican. To Mr. and Mrs. Thaler were born four children: 1. Louis K., the subject of this sketch. 2. Ethel J., a graduate of Adelphi College, lives at Garden City, Long Island. 3. Joseph Ira, a graduate of Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts in 1929, Master of Arts in 1930, now a graduate student in Human Physiology at Cornell University. 4. Ada S., attends Brooklyn High School.

Louis K. Thaler was educated in the public schools of Brooklyn, from which he was graduated in 1921. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Cornell University in 1925 and Bachelor of Laws in February, 1927, being admitted to the bar in June, 1927. He then began his professional career in New York City as general counsel for the Great American Tea Company, a subsidiary of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. He came to Ithaca December 5, 1927, and was associated with the law firm of Stagg & Teath until January, 1931, when the firm was reorganized as Stagg, Thaler & Stagg. Mr. Thaler is a member of the Tompkins County and New York State Bar Association.

On September 5, 1926, Mr. Thaler married Miss Rachel Shulman, who was born in New York City, May 7, 1907, the daughter of Max and Sarah (Robinson) Shulman. For many years Mr. Shulman conducted a furniture business at 103 West State Street, Ithaca. He died in July, 1921, and his widow still resides here. Rachel (Shulman) Thaler is a graduate of Ithaca High School and Ithaca Conservatory of Music. Mr. and Mrs. Thaler have two sons: 1. Manley Hugh, born October 13, 1929. 2. Richard Byron, born March 15, 1932.

Mr. Thaler is a Republican, a member and Senior Deacon of Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, F. and A. M., Ithaca Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree, Masonic Club, Exchange Club, and Y. M. C. A.

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**David B. Perry.**—As vice president and secretary of the Morse Chain Company, Inc., Mr. Perry is accounted one of the prominent and most influential men associated with the industrial interests of Ithaca. He was born here, November 15, 1873, the son of William H. and Mathilda M. (Barnes) Perry.

William H. Perry was born near Buffalo, New York, and spent his early life there. At the age of eleven years he was left an orphan and he later enlisted as a seaman on a whaling vessel. He spent eleven years on the sea, the last four years of which were spent in the U. S. Navy during the Civil War. Mr. Perry came to Ithaca in 1869 and immediately became associated in the building and contracting business with William Nelson. In 1871 he went with the firm of Hyatt & Oltz, and four years later became associated with John Snaith. At the time of his retirement Mr. Perry was recognized as the city's leading building contractor, and completed such important contracts as the Congregational Church, Unitarian Church, Fiske mansion, Kappa Alpha and Chi Phi fraternity houses, as well as residences in Ithaca for professors Fuertes, Thruston, and Nichols. He also had the contract for carpenter work for the Cornell University Library. Mr. Perry died November 4, 1910. His wife was born in Tompkins County and died in February, 1931. They are buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Ithaca. Mr. Perry was a Republican and served as alderman of the Fourth Ward. He was a trustee of Unitarian Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Grand Army of the Republic. To Mr. and Mrs. Perry were born six children: 1. George W., insurance, lives at Ithaca. 2. Cora M., married F. L. Morse, president of Morse Chain Company, Inc. 3. David B., the subject of this sketch. 4. Chapin Cavanaugh, farmer, lives at Lansing, New



York. 5. Carleton, who died in 1898. 6. William H., who died in 1926.

David B. Perry is a graduate of Ithaca High School and Pratt Institute, Brooklyn. His entire business career has been identified with the Morse Chain Company. He began as a draftsman in the Trumansburg plant in July, 1897. He then served as secretary of the company from 1898 until 1906, and in the latter year the business was removed to Ithaca, with Mr. Perry as superintendent and secretary. He was promoted to works manager in 1909, and also continued as secretary. When the business was sold to Borg-Warner Company in 1929, it was incorporated with Mr. Perry as vice president, secretary and assistant treasurer.

On April 1, 1901, Mr. Perry married Miss Elizabeth Cornelia Hall, of Wellsville, New York, the daughter of William L. and Mary F. (Allen) Hall, both deceased. She was born March 22, 1872, and is a graduate of Trumansburg High School and Cortland Normal School. Her father was widely known as a photographer, being identified with the studio of J. E. Lewis, at Trumansburg. In 1893 he was the inventor of a new enameled process for printing photographs, which won wide recognition. To Mr. and Mrs. Perry were born two children: 1. Dorothy Thelma married John S. Livermore, lives at Rochester, New York. She is a graduate of Ithaca High School, Ithaca Conservatory of Music, Putnam Hall at Poughkeepsie, and also studied piano for one year at Fontainblau, France. 2. David Sinclair, who is associated with the Cincinnati Milling Machine Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, as an industrial engineer. He is a graduate of Cornell University, Bachelor of Science, class of 1929. He married Miss Helen Hustead Harris, of Gloversville, New York, and they have a son, David Harris, born March 31, 1930.

Politically Mr. Perry is a Republican. He is a member of Hobasca Lodge, No. 716, F. & A. M.; Eagle Chapter, No. 51, R. A. M.; St. Augustine's Commandery, No. 38, K. T.; Masonic Club, Ithaca Country Club; Chamber of Commerce; and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He and his family

are members of the Unitarian Church, and Mrs. Perry is an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, being Regent of Cayuga Chapter, and Past State Officer.

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**Charlotte V. Bush.**—As treasurer of Tompkins County, Charlotte V. Bush has the honor and distinction of being the first woman to hold this important office in New York State. She was born at Taughannock Falls, Tompkins County, the daughter of William A. and Mary A. (Barton) VanOrder.

William A. VanOrder was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Jacksonville, New York, and engaged in farming until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted and served as a member of Company G, 109th New York Volunteer Infantry. He participated in many important engagements, including Gettysburg and Appomatox, being slightly wounded at the battle of Appomatox. He then resumed his farming interests in Tompkins County, and died there in 1907. His wife was born at Apalachin, Tioga County, and died in 1916. They are buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Ithaca. Mr. VanOrder was a Republican and served as constable of Jacksonville and deputy sheriff of Tompkins County. He was a member of the Methodist Church and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic, Sidney Post No. 41 and past officer. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. VanOrder: 1. Anna Jane, married Carl Dailey, lives at Rochester. 2. Flora O., married John Lambert, lives at North Anson, Maine. 3. Nellie E., the widow of Frederick Carter, lives at Ithaca. 4. Albert B., lives at Calderwood, Tennessee. 5. Charlotte V., the subject of this sketch.

Charlotte V. VanOrder is a graduate of Ithaca High School, class of 1901. She spent five years as a bookkeeper in the offices of the Cayuga Lake Cement Company, two years as private secretary to E. G. Wycoff. She became a bookkeeper in the County Treasurer's office in 1907 and resigned in 1914, and from 1914 to 1916 was private secretary to Col. C. A. Simmons, in the Chamber of Commerce. In 1916 Mrs. Bush returned to the County



Treasurer's office as bookkeeper, and in November, 1924, was elected treasurer of Tompkins County, being reelected in 1927 and again in 1930.

On April 15, 1903, Charlotte V. VanOrder married Howard Stanley Bush, a native of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, born July 25, 1870. He is the son of John S. and Emma (Kresge) Bush, natives of Stroudsburg. The former lives at Buffalo, and the latter died in 1912. She is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Ithaca. Howard S. Bush attended the public schools of Stroudsburg and for a number of years was employed by the contracting firm of S. M. Oltz of Ithaca. He became an instructor in mechanical engineering at Cornell University in 1907 and still serves in that capacity. He is a Republican and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. and Mrs. Bush have no children.

In politics Mrs. Bush is identified with the Republican party. She is a member of the Daughters of Veterans and attends Enfield Larger Parish Church, at Enfield, New York. She is active in the affairs of the Grange, being a member of Pomona, New York State, and National Grange, and is now lecturer for Forest City Grange No. 288, and assistant secretary of Tompkins County Pomona Grange. She is also a member of the League of Women Voters and Tompkins County Republican Club.

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**Leslie B. Townsend**, who is commission distributor of the Gulf Refining Company, with headquarters in Ithaca, is recognized as one of the progressive and enterprising young business men of Tompkins County. He was born at Lansingville, Tompkins County, September 7, 1897, the son of Clifford E. and Maude E. (Bower) Townsend.

Clifford E. Townsend was a native of Cayuga County, born at Genoa. As a young man he was interested in dairy farming near Locke, New York. He then conducted a general mercantile business at Lansingville for fifteen years, after which he was identified with a coal and feed business at Ludlowville, in partnership with his brother, Clayton Townsend. He retired from

the firm in 1916 and at that time came to Ithaca and purchased the South Hill Coal Company, with which he was identified until 1921. In 1922 he purchased the Ithaca Fuel Supply Company, and sold this concern in 1925. In 1923 he had organized the Ithaca Oil Company and was connected with that enterprise at the time of his death, July 29, 1929. His widow was born at Lansingville and lives at Ithaca. Mr. Townsend was a Republican, held membership in the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Forest City Grange. Leslie B., the subject of this sketch, was the only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Townsend.

After his graduation from Ithaca High School, Leslie B. Townsend entered Cornell University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1920. He spent the following two years as a teller at the Union Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, and from 1922 until 1925 was associated with his father in the interests of the Ithaca Fuel Supply Company. In the latter year he became secretary and treasurer of the Ithaca Oil Company. October 1, 1931, the business was sold to the Gulf Refining Company and he became commission distributor of this district.

On April 14, 1927, Mr. Townsend was united in marriage with Miss Jane E. Smiley, born at Danby, New York, November 7, 1898, the daughter of Frank D. and Emma (Ostrander) Smiley. Mr. Smiley, a retired farmer, resides at Ithaca. His wife was born at Danby and died in 1930. Mrs. Townsend is a graduate of Ithaca High School and Bellevue Hospital, New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend have two children, Clifford E. II., born April 20, 1930, and Zoë Marie, born July 6, 1932.

Politically Mr. Townsend is a Republican, and he is serving as alderman from the Fourth Ward, being elected to office in November, 1931. He is affiliated with Hobasco Lodge, 716, F. and A. M.; Eagle Chapter, No. 51, R. A. M.; St. Augustine Commandery, No. 38, K. T.; Balbec Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R. and Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and Tompkins Country Shrine Club; Ithaca Masonic Club; B. P. O. Elks, No. 636; Theta Chi fraternity; Exchange Club; Cornell Club of Ithaca; Ithaca Yacht



Club; Ithaca Country Club; and Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Ithaca Volunteer Fire Department No. 3, and the Young Men's Christian Association.

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**J. W. Bishop.**—One of the well known men of Ithaca is J. W. Bishop, who is superintendent of the city water department. He is a native of this city, born October 24, 1876, the son of James A. and Charlotte J. (Crance) Bishop.

James A. Bishop, deceased, was a prominent figure in the history of the steamboat on the Finger Lakes. He was a native of Tompkins County, as was his wife. As a young man he became an engineer on such well known lake boats as the "Kate Morgan", "Aurora", and "Frontenac". He spent more than forty years on the lakes. Mr. Bishop and his wife are deceased and are buried at Ulysses, Tompkins County. He was a Republican and a member of the Baptist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Bishop the following children were born: 1. Hattie E., deceased, was the wife of Fred Burling. 2. Luella A., the widow of George Brown, lives at McKinney Point, New York. 3. Gertrude, married George Gunn, lives at Ithaca. 4. Dwight W., who is inspector of the water shed for the City of Ithaca. 5. Grace, married Stephen Gunn, both deceased. 6. J. W., the subject of this sketch.

J. W. Bishop attended the public schools of Ithaca. For ten years after leaving school he was employed by the city water department as a meter man. In 1912 he became superintendent of meters and in 1927 assumed his present duties as superintendent of the plant.

Mr. Bishop was married on February 18, 1900, to Miss Bessie M. True, born March 12, 1880, at Ithaca, the daughter of Charles and Josephine (Milligan) True, natives of England and Ithaca, respectively. Mr. True was employed by the Lehigh Valley Railroad and met with an accidental death in a railroad wreck. He was a Democrat. To Mr. and Mrs. Bishop were born three children: 1. Roger Sherman, born September 7, 1901, a graduate of Ithaca High School and Cornell University, class of 1924,

Bachelor of Arts. He then took graduate work in landscape architecture at the university and now is a landscape architect at Ithaca. He married Miss Rowena Hall, of Jamestown. 2. Rotha Jane, born April 25, 1906, married Ralph J. Cole, lives at Ithaca. 3. Helen M., born August 1, 1909, married Mason Mower, water works engineer, who travels throughout the United States.

Mr. Bishop is a Republican and has served as county committeeman for several terms. He is affiliated with Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, F. & A. M., Knights of Pythias, Cascadilla Lodge No. 39, and Sons of Veterans. He is a charter member of the Veteran Firemen's Association, being a member of Volunteer Fire Department Cataract Hose Company No. 7. He served as a member of the city fire department as foreman for several years and in 1906 was elected second assistant fire chief. During 1907-8 he was first assistant fire chief and in 1909 was elected to the office of fire chief.

William Crance, maternal grandfather of J. W. Bishop, was a Civil War veteran. William True, grandfather of Mrs. Bishop, was also a soldier in the Civil War. He was killed in the Battle of Lookout Mountain. Mrs. Bishop is a member of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

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**Harry J. Van Valkenburg.**—Among Ithaca's most dependable business men, widely known throughout Central New York, is Harry J. Van Valkenburg, who is identified with the Ithaca Engraving Company. He was born at Hensall, Ontario, Canada, May 24, 1880, the son of William R. and Mary A. (McDougal) Van Valkenburg.

William R. Van Valkenburg was a native of Ontario, Canada, as was his wife. He was reared on a farm, attended the district schools and at the age of thirty-five years came to the United States and located at Detroit, Michigan, where he established a business as a painting and decorating contractor. He was a Republican, a member of the Disciples of Christ Church, and belonged to the Foresters. Mr. Van Valkenburg died in 1912



and his wife died in 1930. Both are buried at Detroit, Michigan. Their children were: 1. Arthur L., who died in 1917. 2. Lulu M., who died in 1900. 3. Harry J., the subject of this sketch. 4. Maude M., married Roy Johnson, deceased, and she lives at Detroit. 5. Pearl, unmarried, is secretary for the American Life Insurance Company. 6. Birdie, who died in infancy.

Harry J. Van Valkenburg is a graduate of the public schools of Detroit, and as a young man learned the trade of engraver with the Peninsular Engraving Company in Detroit. He remained with that concern from 1898 until 1905 and spent six months at their branch establishment at Toledo, Ohio. He then went with the Minneapolis Bureau of Engraving at St. Paul, Minnesota, later was identified with the Herald at Rochester, New York, in their engraving department for a five year period, after which he became associated with the Central Engraving Company, of Rochester, for three years. He next went with the Rochester Post Express, and left there in 1918 to come to Ithaca, where he took over the interests of the Stanley Engraving Company, which has since been reorganized as the Ithaca Engraving Company. Mr. Van Valkenburg specializes in photo engraving in copper and steel and is prominent for his professional ability. His plant is located at Seneca and Tioga streets.

On August 1, 1905, Mr. Van Valkenburg was united in marriage with Miss Florence R. Bradstreet, of Rochester, born July 4, 1885, the daughter of Geo. Bradstreet and Carrie M. (Briggs) Bradstreet, natives of Rochester. Mr. Bradstreet died in 1903 and his wife died in 1928. He had spent twenty years in the employ of the New York Central Railroad Company as chief clerk in the freight department at Rochester, New York, and later was transferred to the company's offices at Detroit, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Van Valkenburg have a daughter, Helen R., born August 27, 1911. She is a graduate of Ithaca High School and Cascadilla Preparatory School, and now attends Cornell University.

In politics Mr. Van Valkenburg is identified with the Republican party. He is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, and belongs to Hobasco Lodge No. 716, F. & A. M., Ithaca

Advertising Club, Ithaca Yacht Club, Chamber of Commerce, Tompkins County Fish & Game Club, and Ben Walsh Snowshoe Club.

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**Arthur E. Jones** is a substantial and well known citizen of Ithaca where he is engaged in the sign business, at 112 East State Street. He was born at Springfield, Ohio, September 15, 1886, the son of Albert E. and Ella (Cunningham) Jones.

Albert E. Jones was born at Martinsburg, West Virginia. He was educated in the public schools of Cincinnati and at an early age became interested in the ornamental sign business, which he successfully followed at Springfield, Ohio, for more than half a century. He was a Republican, a member of the Congregational Church, Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Owls. Mr. Jones died in 1924 and is buried at Springfield. His widow is a native of Tiffin, Ohio, and lives at Springfield. Their children were: 1. Elmer L., who died in 1923. 2. Nellie B., married George F. Lewis, lives at Springfield. 3. Arthur E., the subject of this sketch. 4. Albert W., lives at Chicago, Illinois.

Arthur E. Jones is a graduate of Springfield High School. He remained in that city for two years as an associate in his father's business, and during the following twenty years traveled throughout the United States. He located at Ithaca in 1927 after spending two years with the Binghamton Sign Company.

On July 2, 1925, Mr. Jones married Miss Genevieve M. Grant, of Sayre, Pennsylvania, born August 3, 1890, the daughter of Nathan P. and Emma (Tripp) Grant. Mr. Grant was born at Sayre and for thirty years was in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company in that city. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Grant died in 1918 and his wife died March 22, 1932. They are buried at Athens, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have no children.

Mr. Jones is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.



**Edgar E. Tunison.**—Identified with H. C. T. Motor and Equipment Company, 201-07 South Cayuga Street, Mr. Tunison takes a prominent part in the business affairs of Ithaca. He is a native of Seneca County, born at Interlaken, November 21, 1890, the son of Edgar E. and Flora (Eldred) Tunison.

Edgar E. Tunison, who died October 1, 1890, is buried at Interlaken. He was a native of Tompkins County, was educated at Trumansburg, and engaged in farming. His wife was born in Schuyler County and is now a resident of Ovid, New York. She later married William Porter, deceased. To the latter marriage was born a son, William Porter, who lives at Ithaca.

Edgar E. Tunison is a graduate of Interlaken High School and Rochester Business Institute. In 1910 he became a bookkeeper in the employ of the Interlaken Produce Company, and in 1913 was appointed assistant postmaster at Interlaken. He was a member of the firm of Covert & Tunison, automobile dealers at Trumansburg from 1915 until 1918, and in the latter year enlisted for service in the World War. He was sent to Camp Upton, New York, and later to Liverpool, England. He saw service in France and after the close of the war was sent to Tours, where he was engaged in the war risk insurance department and allotment division. He returned to this country in May, 1919, and was honorably discharged at Camp Upton, June 17, 1919, as a sergeant. Mr. Tunison then located in Ithaca and in August, 1919, became secretary and treasurer of the Finger Lakes Garage Company, Inc. He was one of the organizers of the H. C. T. Motor and Equipment Company in October, 1922, in association with J. W. Hines and Harry W. Covert. They became local dealers for the Hudson and Essex cars, and established an excellent business. In 1926 Mr. Tunison purchased Mr. Hines interest in the firm and in 1930 became sole owner of the enterprise.

On April 14, 1917, Mr. Tunison married Miss Margaret Geary, of Spencer, New York, born April 18, 1887. She is the daughter of James and Elizabeth Geary, natives of Ireland. The former died in 1915 and the latter in 1892. They are buried in Ithaca. Mr. Geary spent many years in the employ of the Lehigh Valley

Railroad Company at Ithaca. He was a Democrat and a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Mr. Tunison is a Republican, and is affiliated with Fidelity Lodge, 51, F. and A. M.; B. P. O. Elks, No. 636, Past Exalted Ruler; American Legion Post No. 221; Ithaca Gun Club; Tompkins County Fish and Game Club; and Chamber of Commerce. He is secretary of the Ithaca Automobile Dealers Association.

Mrs. Tunison is a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Ithaca.

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**James P. Donahue**, who is president of the Donahue & Halverson Plumbing and Heating Company, Inc., is among Ithaca's representative young business men. He was born in this city, December 6, 1908, the son of Peter M. and Nora (Sullivan) Donahue.

Peter M. Donahue, retired, was actively identified with the business affairs of Ithaca for many years. He was born in County Longford, Ireland, and his wife was a native of Ithaca. She died in 1930 and is buried in Calvary Cemetery. Mr. Donahue came to this country at the age of fourteen years. He learned the trade of plumber in Brooklyn, New York, and subsequently came to Ithaca, where for a short time he was associated with the firm of Lucas, Higgins & Donahue. He then purchased his partner's interest and conducted the business alone for thirty years. He retired June 15, 1931, and at that time the business was incorporated as the Donahue & Halverson Plumbing & Heating Company. Mr. Donahue is a Democrat and for several terms served as a member of the Board of Examiners. He holds membership in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and belongs to the B. P. O. Elks and Ithaca Yacht Club. To Mr. and Mrs. Donahue were born four children: 1. Florence Marie, lives at home. 2. James P., the subject of this sketch. 3. Albert M., a graduate of Ithaca High School, attends the University of North Carolina. 4. Ralph E., a student.



James P. Donahue is a graduate of Ithaca High School and in 1930 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Cornell University. He has since been identified with the business which was established by his father a number of years ago. At its incorporation he became president.

Mr. Donahue is independent politically. He is a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and belongs to the Savage Club, Beta Theta Pi fraternity, Ithaca Yacht Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Donahue is unmarried.

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Leslie Tyler, who is identified with the Student's Transfer Company, 704 West Buffalo Street, is well known in Ithaca. He was born at Owego, Tioga County, April 23, 1876, the son of George and Harriet (Edsall) Tyler.

George Tyler was a native of Owego and as a young man engaged in the lumber business. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted as Ezra Tyler and served throughout the war period as a member of the Eighty-eighth New York Volunteer Infantry. At the time of his death in 1905 he was identified with lumbering interests in Tioga County. He is buried at Spencer. Mr. Tyler was a Republican, and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife was born at Campbell, Steuben County, and died in 1901. They were the parents of the following children: 1. James, who died in 1932. 2. Charles, lives at Bayonne, New Jersey. 3. Frank, who died in 1929. 4. Elizabeth, married Arthur Davenport, lives at Spencer. 5. William, lives at Pueblo, Colorado. 6. George, lives at Ithaca. 7. Leslie, the subject of this sketch.

Leslie Tyler grew up on a farm near Spencer and attended the district schools. He later owned and operated a farm until 1906, at which time he located in Ithaca with the Cornell Transfer Company. Four years later he purchased the business of John Troy on Eddy Street, and removed to his present location in 1929.

Mr. Tyler was married (first) to Miss Edna Davenport of Spencer, who died in 1913. She was the daughter of Sherman Davenport. He died in 1928. Mr. Tyler married (second) November 27, 1914, Miss Mabel Carter, of Ithaca. She is the daughter of George Carter, a native of Owego, who died in 1929. He is buried in Ithaca. He remained in the employ of the D. L. & W. Railroad Company as an engineer for more than thirty years. He was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to B. P. O. Elks. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler have had three children: 1. Marian Florence, born July 10, 1916, attends Ithaca High School. 2. Adelbert, died in infancy. 3. Raymond Leslie, born June 3, 1923.

Mr. Tyler is a Republican, a member of State Street Methodist Church, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Chamber of Commerce, and Sons of Union Veterans.

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**Veranus A. Moore, M. D.**—Internationally known as a medical scientist, Dr. Veranus A. Moore had served as Dean of the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine for a period of twenty-one years, and at the time of his death, February 11, 1931, he was superintendent of Ithaca Memorial Hospital. Honor and distinction had settled upon Dr. Moore only to be received with the calm modesty which characterized his life. Shortly before his death he had been made a Fellow in the Royal College of Surgeons in London. Other scientific honors were his membership in Sigma Xi and Phi Kappa Phi fraternities. He was also a member of Phi Sigma Kappa.

Dr. Moore's principal national and international reputation rested upon his work in tuberculosis. He was appointed by President Roosevelt as a member of The International Conference on Tuberculosis. President Hoover had appointed him a member of the White House Conference on Child Health.

Veranus A. Moore was born at Houndsfield, Jefferson County, New York, April 13, 1859, the son of Alva and Antoinette (Eastman) Moore.





NORMAN S. MOORE, M. D.



VERANUS A. MOORE, M. D.



ERWIN V. MOORE, D. V. M.





Dr. Moore came to Cornell University after completing his preliminary education and received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1887, subsequently taking his M. D. degree at Columbian (now George Washington University) in 1890. He also held the degree of V. M. D., from the University of Pennsylvania and that of Doctor of Science from Syracuse University. From 1890 until 1896 Dr. Moore was engaged in the investigation of infectious diseases for the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture, and was chief of the Division of Animal Pathology for a year before he returned to Cornell as professor of comparative pathology, bacteriology, and meat inspection. He became dean of the college in 1908 when Dr. James Law retired. After twenty-one years as dean Dr. Moore retired. He had planned to engage in research in his chosen field but the Ithaca Memorial Hospital was in need of a superintendent and in the fall of 1929 he finally gave up his ideas of a retired life and took over the management of the institution. The Tompkins County Laboratory, which has aided physicians of the county and guarded the health of the public, was a project for which Dr. Moore worked over a long period of time, appearing personally before the Board of Supervisors and speaking before many groups in order to point out the need for such a laboratory and to secure the appropriation necessary from the county before state aid could be obtained.

Dr. Moore gave devoted service to the city as a member of the Board of Education for twelve years, and was president during 1922. He had also served on the Board of Health for twelve years, and no one can accurately estimate the great value of the work which he has done for the improvement of the city water and milk supplies, and the general betterment of sanitation.

In 1892 Dr. Moore married Miss Mary L. Slawson, of Cicero. They had three children: 1. Erwin V., Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, lives at Cortland. 2. Mary Eastman, married Horace E. Shackleton, lives at Glen Ridge, N. Y. 3. Norman S., M. D., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

Dr. Moore was prominent in the work of the First Methodist Church and served as Master of Hobasco Lodge, No. 761, F. and

A. M. He was also a member of Eagle Chapter, No. 58, R. A. M.; St. Augustine Commandery, No. 38, K. T.; Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and was Past District Deputy of the Cayuga-Tompkins Masonic District. He was also a director of the Ithaca Savings & Loan Association and a member of the Rotary Club. One of his favorite affiliations was with the Cosmos Club in Washington.

Dr. Moore was widely known as a bacteriologist and writer on subjects dealing with veterinary science. He was all his life primarily a Doctor of Medicine, his original degree. Dr. Simon H. Gage, formerly a member of the Veterinary College faculty, influenced him to enter the field of veterinary medicine. But in his retirement as Dean of the State College he returned to his first love, the treatment of human ills and became superintendent of Ithaca Memorial Hospital. Much of Dr. Moore's unselfish philosophy is summed up in the phrase he often used in his hospital work, "The patient comes first."

The following tribute was paid Dr. Moore at the time of his death by Dr. Livingston Farrand, president of Cornell University. "It is hard to picture Cornell without the quiet, lovable, trusted figure of Dean Moore. It is doubtful if there was any man whose passing could have brought the same feeling of sadness to so many members of the community, present and past. For more than forty years Dean Moore played an important part in the building of the university. It was not alone his unchallenged leadership in the field of Veterinary Medicine that gave him his peculiar influence. It was not even his sturdy insistence upon the best scientific standards that won the admiration of his colleagues in all the faculties. It was the sterling character of the man and the simple, winning, sympathetic personality that gave to his professional leadership its unusual touch. The state and the city have lost a great servant, and Cornell University one of its best loved men."

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**Erwin V. Moore, D. V. M.**—A veteran of the World War and prominent throughout Cortland County, where he has established an excellent practice, is Dr. E. V. Moore, Cortland, New York. He



was born in Washington, D. C., December 24, 1893, the son of Dr. V. A. Moore, whose sketch appears in this history.

E. V. Moore attended the public schools of Ithaca, and was graduated from Ithaca High School in 1913, and received the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University in 1917. He began his practice at Brooktondale, New York. In 1918 he was commissioned a second lieutenant in Veterinary Corps and was stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. He established his offices in Cortland and later became associated with Dr. J. L. McAuliff under the firm of McAuliff and Moore. They have a modern animal hospital.

Doctor Moore was married on November 1, 1923, to Miss Lulu W. Williams, the daughter of Chester and Luella (Smith) Williams, natives of Owego and Trumansburg respectively. Mrs. Williams is deceased and is buried at Owego, New York. Mr. Williams resides at Owego, New York. He is a retired Erie Railroad employe.

Politically, Doctor Moore is a Republican and has held the office of County Veterinarian since March 1, 1922. He is an active member of the Presbyterian Church. Doctor Moore is a member of Omega Tau Sigma Fraternity; Caroline Lodge, No. 681, F. & A. M., Lodge of Perfection; Central City Consistory, thirty-second degree, Syracuse, New York. Doctor Moore is president of the Southern Tier Veterinary Medical Society, and a member of the New York State Veterinary Society and the American Veterinary Medical Association. He is secretary of the Veterinary Board of Examiners of New York State.

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**Norman S. Moore, M. D.**—One of the most prominent of the younger physicians and surgeons of Central New York is Dr. Norman S. Moore, of Ithaca, who is the son of the late Dr. Veranus A. Moore, emeritus dean of New York State College of Veterinary Medicine. Norman S. Moore was born at Ithaca, April 17, 1901.

To Dr. Veranus A. and Mary L. (Slawson) Moore were born three children: 1. Erwin Veranus, Doctor of Veterinary Medi-

cine at Cortland, New York. 2. Mary E., married Horace E. Shackleton, lives at Glen Ridge, New York. 3. Norman S., the subject of this sketch.

Norman S. Moore is a graduate of Ithaca High School, class of 1919. He received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Medicine at Cornell University in 1923 and 1926, respectively, spent two years as an interne in Bellevue Hospital, New York City, and one year at Rockefeller Institute. He has engaged in private practice in Ithaca since 1929, and has offices in the Seneca Building. Doctor Moore is a member of the staff of Ithaca Memorial Hospital, and is identified with the Harvey Society of New York City, American Medical Association, National Tuberculosis Association, American Heart Association and American Association for the Advancement of Science. He also is a director of the Tuberculosis Hospital, and takes an active interest in all public health work in the community, as did his honored father before him.

Dr. Moore married, June 28, 1932, Miss Bernice Barkee of Ithaca, New York.

Doctor Moore is a member of the First Methodist Church, and belongs to the Cornell Club of New York City, Phi Sigma Kappa and Nu Sigma Nu fraternities, Ithaca Yacht Club, and Hobasco Lodge No. 716, F. & A. M. Doctor Moore is a member of the Ithaca Country Club and a member of the Leadership and Training Committee, Louis Agassiz Fuertes Council, Boy Scouts of America. He is also a member of Ithaca Fire Department, Hook and Ladder Company No. 3.

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**Howard Edward Babcock.**—One of Ithaca's most prominent citizens is Howard Edward Babcock, who is president of the cooperative G. L. F. Holding Company, with offices in the Seneca Building. He was born at Gilbertsville, Otsego County, New York, the son of Howard Worden and Mary Emma (Donahue) Babcock.

Howard Worden Babcock is a native of Massachusetts and his wife was born in New York City. She died in 1918 and is



buried at Gilbertsville. Mr. Babcock was reared and educated in Central New York and throughout his life was interested in general farming in Otsego, Chenango, and Tompkins counties. At the present time he owns and operates a farm near Ithaca. Mr. Babcock is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Babcock only one child was born, Howard Edward.

Howard Edward Babcock grew up on his father's farm and is a graduate of the public schools. He received the degree of Ph. B. at Syracuse University in 1911, and began his professional career as a teacher of agriculture at Albion, New York. He later was County Agent and successively Assistant State Leader of County Agents, State Leader of County Agents and Secretary of the New York State Farm Bureau Federation, Secretary of the New York State Agricultural Conference Board, which he was instrumental in organizing, and for a period during the War, State Director of Food Conservation. From 1920 to 1922 he was Professor of Marketing at Cornell University, resigning to become General Manager of the Cooperative Grange League Federation Exchange, Inc., which position he held to July 1, 1932, when he resigned to become President of the Cooperative G. L. F. Holding Corporation.

On October 23, 1913, Mr. Babcock married Miss Hilda Wall Butler, of Albion, New York, the daughter of Frederick and Sarah (Wall) Butler, natives of England and New York respectively. Mr. Butler was a leading jeweler of Albion, New York, and died in that city in 1900. His wife died in 1925. Both are buried there. To Mr. and Mrs. Babcock have been born three children: 1. Howard E., born December 16, 1914, attends New Mexico Military Institute, at Roswell, New Mexico. 2. Barbara E., born in July, 1918, attends Ithaca High School. 3. John Butler, born in August, 1920, a student.

Mr. Babcock is a member of the Congregational Church, Chamber of Commerce, and Delta Chi fraternity. He also is a member of the American Guernsey Cattle Breeders Association, and the Ayrshire Breeders Association. For many years has been a successful breeder of both pure bred Ayrshire and Guernsey cattle.

**James E. Van Natta**, dealer in office supplies and equipment, located at 222 East State Street, is well and favorably known in Ithaca, and is a member of one of the oldest families in Tompkins County. He was born in this city, December 16, 1887, the son of David M. and Ada (Cremer) Van Natta.

David M. Van Natta is a graduate of Ithaca Academy and until his recent retirement was interested in general farming. He is the third generation of the Van Natta family to reside on the homestead, which was settled in Tompkins County in 1818. His wife is also a native of this county, born at Varna. Their only child is James E., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Van Natta is a Republican and an active member of the Baptist Church.

The boyhood of James E. Van Natta was spent on his father's farm and he is a graduate of Ithaca High School. He began his business career as a clerk and salesman with the Cornell Cooperative Society, and remained with that organization from 1908 until 1915. He spent the following three years as a salesman at the Corner Book Store in Ithaca, and in 1918 established his own business. A branch store was opened by Mr. Van Natta in 1927 at Cortland.

On June 7, 1910, Mr. Van Natta was united in marriage with Miss Florence B. Howe, who was born at Ithaca, March 22, 1890, the daughter of Frank B. and Flora (Bliven) Howe. Frank B. Howe was a native of Dryden, Tompkins County, where he spent his early life. He studied dentistry and after a number of years in practice at Dryden he located at Ithaca, where he was successful for a period of twenty-five years. Doctor Howe died in 1912 and his wife died in 1930. Both are buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Ithaca. Doctor Howe was a Republican and was prominent in Masonic circles, being Past High Priest and a member of the Masonic Club. He also belonged to the Ithaca City Club, Town & Gown Club, and Business Men's Association. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, as was his wife. To Mr. and Mrs. Van Natta were born two children: 1. James E., Jr., born December 16, 1912, attends Colgate University, at Hamilton, New York. 2. Doris J., born April 17, 1920, attends the Ithaca public schools.



Mr. Van Natta is a member of the Episcopal Church, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Fidelity Lodge No. 51, F. & A. M.; Eagle Chapter No. 58, R. A. M.; St. Augustine Commandery K. T. No. 38; Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton, New York, and President Tompkins County Shrine Club; Masonic Club; B. P. O. Elks; Rotary Club, of which he served as secretary for two years; Chamber of Commerce; Ithaca Country Club; and Tompkins County Fish & Game Club. He is a Republican in politics.

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**William A. Luce**, who is proprietor of the Luce Dairy Company, and treasurer of the Artic Ice Cream Company, Inc., is recognized as one of the dependable business men of Ithaca, and is a member of a well known pioneer family of Tompkins County. He was born in the Town of Lansing, Tompkins County, November 14, 1885, the son of George N. and Rebecca (Teeter) Luce.

George N. Luce was born on a farm in the town of Lansing, and died in 1904. He is buried in Kline Cemetery, Ithaca. His wife, also born in Tompkins County, died in 1926. He was the son of Israel Luce, who was a millwright and carpenter by trade. He was the son of Israel Luce, Sr., a prominent pioneer of Tompkins County, who settled there in 1799. To George N. and Rebecca (Teeter) Luce were born five children: 1. Frank, who died in infancy. 2. Maggie M., who died in infancy. 3. Hattie E., married Alson E. Buck, farmer, lives in the town of Lansing. 4. George Raymond, farmer, lives on the old homestead. 5. William A., the subject of this sketch.

William A. Luce is a graduate of the district schools in the Town of Lansing and Groton High School. He also took special work in dairying at Cornell University in 1907 and from 1908 until 1912 was identified with the dairy plant at the University. He then became interested in the dairy business in Ithaca as owner and manager of the Luce Dairy Company. Mr. Luce specializes in Guernsey milk and Grade "A" milk, as well as

other dairy products, and has established an excellent business in the city. His plant is located at 410 Hillview Place. In 1926 he was one of the organizers of the Artic Ice Cream Company of Ithaca, and he has been treasurer and director of this concern since its inception.

On September 17, 1913, Mr. Luce was united in marriage with Miss Marguerite Smith, who was born at Ithaca, April 11, 1893, the daughter of Glenn T. and Nellie Smith, natives of Ithaca. Mr. Smith is a well known citizen of Ithaca, where he has lived for many years. For twenty years he was a clerk in the grocery store of Wanzer & Howell, later owned his own store at Hillview Place, and in 1929 engaged in farming. He is a Republican, a member of the Aurora St. Methodist Church, and belongs to the Grange and Farm Bureau. To Mr. and Mrs. Luce were born two children: 1. William A., Jr., born June 3, 1918, attends Ithaca High School. 2. Barbara Jean, born October 4, 1923.

Politically, Mr. Luce is an independent Republican. He is an active member of the Aurora St. Methodist Church, and belongs to Hobasco Lodge, No. 716, F. & A. M., Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Chamber of Commerce, Tompkins County Fish & Game Club, Ithaca Gun Club, and Ithaca Rifle Club.

Mr. Luce and his family have a summer home at Rocky Glen, on Lake Cayuga.

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**Amos A. Barns.**—One of Ithaca's progressive business leaders and highly esteemed citizens is Amos A. Barns, heating and electrical engineer, with offices at 440 State Street. He was born at Utica, N. Y., April 17, 1885, the son of George S. and Eureka (Rogers) Barns.

George S. Barns was a native of Utica, and died in that city, April 16, 1899. He was educated in the district schools and during his life was interested in general farming and stock raising. He also was a buyer and shipper of stock. Mr. Barns was a Republican and took an active part in local politics. He held membership in the Congregational Church and belonged to the Grange.



His wife was born on a farm near Utica and died December 21, 1891. They are buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Utica. There were two sons in the Barns family: 1. Amos A., the subject of this sketch. 2. Vincent E., lives at Delhi, N. Y. By a later marriage George S. Barns had a daughter, Hope A. Barns, who is city librarian at Utica.

Amos A. Barns acquired his early education in the public schools of New Hartford, N. Y., and in 1909 received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Cornell University. In 1900 he entered the employ of Childs & Company, harness manufacturers, at Utica, and later became city salesman. In 1903 he was employed on the Utica Daily Press and later entered Cornell University. From the date of his graduation until 1912 he was interested in general farming near Danby, N. Y., and he then conducted a farm implement business at Ithaca, with which he was identified until 1922. He then established his present business as a heating contractor.

On November 24, 1909, Mr. Barns was united in marriage with Miss Grace Willetts, of Troy, N. Y., born April 24, 1889, the daughter of John H. and Mary (Jennings) Willetts. Both Mr. and Mrs. Willetts were natives of Tompkins County. He served as superintendent of city schools at Troy, N. Y., for more than twenty years. He died February 12, 1925, and his wife died July 7, 1909. They were buried at Danby. Mr. and Mrs. Barns have a son, George Raymond, born July 2, 1913. He attends Cornell University.

Mr. Barns and his family are members of the Congregational Church and he belongs to the Elks Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Cornell Club of Ithaca, and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Dorman S. Purdy**, who is successfully engaged in the insurance business in Ithaca, with offices at 139 East State Street, is a native of New York. He was born at Corning, Steuben County, July 2, 1894, the son of Dr. Mark S. and Katherine (McLean) Purdy.

Dr. Mark S. Purdy was a native of Bradford, New York. He attended the public schools of Corning and Morrison, Illinois, and in 1882 received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Cornell University. He was graduated three years later from the Chicago Homeopathic College with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and from 1885 until 1908 successfully engaged in practice at Corning. He retired in the latter year and died in Ithaca in 1909. His widow was born at Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, and now lives at Painesville, Ohio. Doctor Purdy also was proprietor of the Highland Pines Sanitarium from 1893 until 1908. He was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. His father was Dr. William S. Purdy, who was one of Steuben County's prominent pioneer physicians. Roger Purdy was the founder of the Purdy family in Tompkins County, having settled here in 1800. He was a native of Orange County, New York.

To Dr. Mark S. and Katherine (McLean) Purdy were born four children: 1. Dorman S., the subject of this sketch. 2. Dorothy, married James R. Hillas, lives at Morristown, New Jersey. 3. Donald, who is assistant professor of psychology, at the University of Kansas. He is a graduate of Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts in 1920, Master of Arts at Princeton University, and Doctor of Philosophy at Harvard University. He has also been an instructor at Harvard, Princeton, University of California, and Vassar College. 4. Charlotte E., married George W. Griffiths, lives at East Orange, New Jersey.

Dorman S. Purdy is a graduate of Corning Free Academy and Ithaca High School. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Cornell University in 1916 and during the following three years was interested in the general insurance business in Ithaca. However, in 1919, he became identified with the New York State Conservation Commission. After several years he returned to his former business interests in Ithaca.

Mr. Purdy was married August 15, 1922, to Miss Hazel Scott, a native of Clear Lake, South Dakota, the daughter of William S. and Amy (Harvey) Scott. They were natives of Brandon, Wisconsin, and are now residents of Trumansburg, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Purdy have no children.



Mr. Purdy is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and is past master of Hobasco Lodge, No. 716, F. & A. M., and present District Deputy Grand Master of the Cayuga-Tompkins Masonic District, and a member of Eagle Chapter, No. 58, R. A. M., and Southern Tier Council, No. 16, R. & S. M.; Masonic Club; Tompkins County Fish & Game Club, past president and past secretary.

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**John H. Post**, who is special agent for the Home Life Insurance Company of New York, with offices at 101 South Aurora Street, is a representative business man of Ithaca. He was born at Throopsville, Cayuga County, March 31, 1879, the son of John H. and Rachel (Dunning) Post.

John H. Post was a native of Cayuga County and died at Throopsville, New York, in 1891. His wife was born at Kings Ferry, Cayuga County, and died in 1900. He was reared on a farm near Fleming, New York, and was always interested in general farming, being the owner of large farms on the west shore of Owasco Lake, where his father had settled during the very early history of New York. John H. Post was a Republican. Mrs. Post held membership in the Baptist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Post were born three sons: 1. Jay S., a farmer, lives in the town of Fleming, Cayuga County. 2. Howard M., who died in 1883. 3. John H., the subject of this sketch.

John H. Post attended the grade and high schools of Auburn and from 1895 until 1897 was a salesman for the Dunning Hardware Company, of Auburn. He spent one year with the H. R. Olmstead Company, hardware, at Syracuse, and in 1898 became identified with Choate Bros., hardware, of Auburn. He remained with that concern until 1904, when he purchased the business with a partner, and in 1905 purchased his partner's interest in the enterprise. In 1909 Mr. Post came to Ithaca as manager of the retail department of Treman-King & Company, and remained in that capacity for a period of fifteen years, and from 1924 to 1929 he was manager of the wholesale department. In May, 1930,

he assumed his present duties as special agent for the Home Life Insurance Company of New York.

Mr. Post was married March 29, 1899, to Miss Mary Brightman, who was born at Auburn, October 29, 1878, the daughter of James and Jane (Record) Brightman. The former was born in England and the latter in Jefferson County, New York. Both are deceased and are buried in Soule Cemetery, near Auburn, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Post have no children.

Mr. Post is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and is affiliated with the B. P. O. Elks, No. 636, Rotary Club, Ithaca Gun Club, and Tompkins County Fish & Game Club, being director and secretary of the latter organization.

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**Frank A. Bangs** is proprietor of a plumbing and heating establishment at 526 West Buffalo Street, and is one of Ithaca's substantial young business men. He was born at Candor, Tioga County, December 24, 1892, the son of John F. and Catherine (Werner) Bangs.

John F. Bangs was a native of Candor, and spent most of his life in that section, being associated with his father, John A. Bangs, as owners of saw mills throughout Tioga and Tompkins counties. After the father's death, the son continued the business until 1910, at which time he located in Ithaca with the lumber firms of Robinson & Carpenter and Potter & Allen. In later life he was an engineer in the employ of the Rothschild Dry Goods Company. Mr. Bangs died in 1927 and is buried at Candor. His widow is a native of Tioga County and lives at Buffalo, New York. Both were members of the Methodist Church and Mr. Bangs was a Republican. To John F. and Catherine (Werner) Bangs were born four children: 1. George W., lives at Rochester, New York. 2. Le Neta, married Henry D. Keiser, lives at Ithaca. 3. Frank A., the subject of this sketch. 4. Le Vida, married Merton Taylor, lives at Buffalo.

Frank A. Bangs is a graduate of Ithaca High School. During 1904-05 he was an apprentice plumber in the shops of the late



F. H. Higgins, of Ithaca, and for five years was employed by Masters & Son. He then spent five years with the Forest City Plumbing Company, and later returned to his former employment with F. H. Higgins. He engaged in the plumbing and heating business for himself at 130 East Seneca Street in 1926, and three years later removed to his present location.

Mr. Bangs was married June 15, 1916, to Miss Mary Howley, a native of Ireland, the daughter of John J. and Bridget (O'Hare) Howley, natives of Ireland. The former resides in Ithaca and the latter died in 1928. Mr. Howley has been in the employ of the D. L. & W. Railroad for twenty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Bangs have two children, John Francis, and Alice Marie, twins, born June 27, 1917.

Politically Mr. Bangs is a Republican. He is a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and belongs to B. P. O. Elks, No. 636, Knights of Columbus, Eagles Lodge, and Chamber of Commerce. He is serving as a member of the Board of Plumbing Examiners for the city of Ithaca.

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**Richard C. Robinson**, investment securities, is among the representative and well known young business men of Ithaca. He was born at Walton, Delaware County, New York, June 23, 1904, the son of George Elmer and Addie B. (Robinson) Robinson.

George Elmer Robinson lives retired at Walton, New York. He is a native of Greene County and was educated in the district schools. His entire business career was spent in the employ of the Walton Novelty Works, with which he was identified for a period of forty-eight years. When the business was liquidated in June, 1930, Mr. Robinson retired. He is a Democrat, a member of the Congregational Church, and belongs to the Firemen's Club. His wife was born at Walton. Their only child is Richard C., the subject of this sketch.

The boyhood of Richard C. Robinson was spent in Walton and he attended the public schools. After his graduation from high school he spent two years at Ithaca College. He was then a mem-

ber of a theater orchestra at Geneva, New York, during 1923, and until 1925 played with the Majestic Theater orchestra at Hornell, New York. He began his career in business at Binghamton, New York, with Miller & Company, and in May, 1932, came to Ithaca to engage in business for himself as a broker. He has offices in the Carey Building.

On September 3, 1924, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage with Miss Catherine T. Burrell, of Chicago, Illinois, born August 26, 1904. She is the daughter of Judge Almon W. and Luella (Townsend) Burrell, natives of Steuben and Wayne counties, respectively. Judge Burrell was associated in the practice of law with his father, Alonzo Burrell, until 1912, and at present is engaged in private practice at Canisteo, New York. He is a Republican, and has served as assistant attorney general from 1924 until 1930. He also was county judge and district attorney of Steuben County, and at the present time is the attorney for the receiver for the First National and Citizens Trust Company at Hornell. He is a Republican, a member of the First Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is a prominent member of the Steuben County, New York State, and American Bar Associations. Mr. Robinson is a graduate of Ithaca High School and Ithaca College. To Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have been born two children: 1. Kathryn, born June 27, 1925. 2. Richard C., Jr., born August 26, 1927.

Politically, Mr. Robinson is independent. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and is affiliated with Walton Lodge, No. 559, F. & A. M., Walton Chapter, No. 559, R. A. M., Balbec Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., Ithaca, B. P. O. Elks, and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Robert F. Price** is prominent in the city of Ithaca as a Podiatrist and Chiropodist, and has offices in the Ithaca Savings Bank Building. He was born in this city, August 3, 1904, the son of Benjamin F. and Elizabeth (Farrell) Price.

Benjamin F. Price was a resident of Ithaca throughout his life. He was educated in the public schools and for a number of



years was interested in the trucking and transfer business. Later he was identified with the Ithaca Laundries Company, Inc., and in 1924 became owner and manager of the Aurora Hotel, with which he was identified at the time of his death in October, 1931. He is buried in Calvary Cemetery, Ithaca. His widow is a native of this city and still lives here. To Mr. and Mrs. Price were born two children: 1. Robert F., the subject of this sketch. 2. Jean Elizabeth, born January 4, 1919, a student.

After his graduation from the parochial schools, Robert F. Price attended Ithaca High School and was graduated in 1925. In 1929 he was a member of the graduating class of the Institute of Podiatry in New York City. He has since been located in practice in Ithaca.

Doctor Price is a Democrat, a member of the Immaculate Conception Church, and belongs to the Eagles Lodge. He is unmarried.

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**Glenn O. Lanning.**—Among the dependable merchants of Trumansburg may be mentioned Glenn O. Lanning, grocer. He is a native of Tompkins County, born at Enfield, September 7, 1888, the son of Charles Vincent and Addie (Rolfe) Lanning.

Charles Vincent Lanning is a native of Enfield. He attended Enfield Academy and as a young man engaged in farming with his father. During the past twenty years Mr. Lanning has been a resident of Trumansburg. He is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with Trumansburg Lodge, No. 157, F. & A. M., and the Grange. Addie (Rolfe) Lanning was born at Enfield and died in April, 1931. She is buried at Trumansburg. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lanning: 1. Raymond C., lives at Enfield. 2. Glenn O., the subject of this sketch.

Glenn O. Lanning grew up on his father's farm near Enfield and received his education in the public schools. He was interested in farming until 1916, at which time he entered the grocery business as a clerk in the store of Davies & King, at Trumans-

burg. Later, he conducted a transfer business here, and subsequently purchased the grocery business of Arthur Bell. In the meantime Mr. Lanning also was employed by the Champaign Bros. Machine Shop, at Ithaca for three years.

On December 22, 1910, Mr. Lanning married Miss Lena C. Jones, who was born at Enfield, July 14, 1886, the daughter of Jason J. and Alice (Stringer) Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are residents of Enfield. He is a Democrat and for a number of years was town assessor. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to Newfield Lodge, F. and A. M. Mrs. Lanning is a graduate of Ithaca High School, and was a teacher in the Enfield public schools for eight years before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Lanning have a son, Donald Ward, born December 30, 1922.

Mr. Lanning is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and president and charter member of the Rotary Club. He also is a member of Trumansburg Lodge, No. 157, F. & A. M. He is a member of Trumansburg Fire Department.

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**Major Robert E. Treman** springs from a stock which originally settled Tompkins County and which has served it well through many generations. He, himself, was born in Ithaca, April 21, 1888, the son of Robert H. and Laura (Hosie) Treman. (A biography of his father, Robert H. Treman, appears elsewhere in this history.) He has lived in Ithaca all his life and was educated there, being graduated from the Ithaca High School in 1905 and from Cornell University, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1909. After graduation he returned to the University for graduate work in American history writing a thesis on the Sullivan Expedition. He has always been active and useful in the affairs of the community and is now president of Treman, King and Company, vice-president and director of the Tompkins County National Bank, president of the Ithaca Community Chest, and a trustee of Cornell University, the Utica Normal and Industrial





MAJOR ROBERT E. TREMAN





School and the Ithaca Memorial Hospital. He is widely known as a public speaker.

As an undergraduate at Cornell, Treman's extra curricular interests, though varied, centered in music and sport. He won the varsity "C" as a low hurdler on the track team and was president of the Musical Clubs. He was a member of Kappa Alpha, Quill and Dagger, Nalanda, Savage Club, Book and Bowl and other student organizations. Since graduation his chief recreation has been found in his big game hunting and his collection of heads—big horn sheep, mountain goats, moose, mule deer and caribou—taken in the Canadian Rockies, Quebec, New Brunswick and Newfoundland, contain some widely known specimens. He has contributed to various magazines and has lectured on this hobby.

In 1917 Mr. Treman entered the First Officers Training Camp at Madison Barracks, from which he was commissioned as a first lieutenant of infantry. He served successively with the 310th Machine Gun Battalion, 154th Depot Brigade, and the 368th Infantry (colored). After being promoted to a captaincy, he was placed in command of a battalion of colored troops with which he went to France. After the cessation of hostilities, he was retired to the Officers Reserve Corps with the rank of Major of Field Artillery.

Mr. Treman has long been active in the affairs of his native city. He is a former director of the Ithaca Chamber of Commerce, and served as chairman of many of its important committees. He followed the tradition of his family in active participation in the affairs of Ithaca's volunteer fire department, serving for two years as Captain of Tornado Hook and Ladder Company Number 3, which office his father and grandfather, Elias Treman had held before him. He is now Captain of Protective Police Company Number 8 of the department.

He was one of the organizers of the Serv-us League, an organization formed to promote the welfare of the Negroes of Ithaca, and is now president of this organization.

In addition to his services to the community, Major Treman has found his chief interest of the last twenty years in his active service to Cornell University. Elected secretary of his class as

an undergraduate, he later became president of the Association of Class Secretaries and led the effort to vitalize class reunions which culminated in the record established by his own class at its fifteenth reunion in 1924. He has been for years a member of the Cornellian Council, and is now on its executive committee. He is chairman of its committee charged with the task of raising funds for completing the Cornell dormitory system. But Major Treman's most striking service to the University is recorded in Cornell's beautiful War Memorial. He was put in charge of raising funds for this memorial in 1926. He immediately so organized and stimulated the effort that in less than a year the entire cost had been oversubscribed by 6,251 Cornell men and women, and the Towers and Cloisters which now perpetuate the names of the University's dead have become a permanent reality. In recognition of his service Major Treman was in June, 1931, elected a trustee of Cornell University by the vote of the alumni.

He is a member and past president of the Ithaca Rotary Club, belongs to the Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Grange, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He is a member of the University Club, the Cornell Club and the Coffee House, all of New York.

Politically, Major Treman is a Democrat. He is unmarried, and lives at 411 University Avenue, Ithaca.

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**Edward M. Rumsey.**—One of the progressive and well known business men of Tompkins County is Edward M. Rumsey, who is connected with E. M. Rumsey & Sons, sand and gravel contractors, at Ithaca, R. F. D. No. 5. He was born at Ithaca, December 8, 1865, the son of Alonzo and Eliza (Farmer) Rumsey.

Alonzo Rumsey was born at Enfield, Tompkins County, and died at Newfield in 1926. His wife was a native of England and died in 1924. Both are buried at Newfield. He was interested in farming throughout his life. Politically, he was a Democrat. To Mr. and Mrs. Rumsey were born the following children: 1. Edward M., the subject of this sketch. 2. Donald, lives at Angola, New York. 3. Julia, married Robert Morris, lives at Lakemont,



New York. 4. Frank, lives at Van Etten, New York. 5. Alice, married John Dailey, lives at Watkins Glen, New York. 6. Charles, lives at Enfield Falls, New York. 7. Elmer, lives at Ithaca.

The boyhood of Edward M. Rumsey was spent on his father's farm and he attended the public schools of Enfield. At the age of twenty-three years he purchased a farm near Ithaca, where he continued his extensive farming interests until 1922. At that time he became interested in the sand and gravel business, and is now associated with his sons. They operate a sand and gravel pit at the entrance to Buttermilk Falls, where they have a large tract of land under lease.

Mr. Rumsey was married on June 4, 1889, to Miss Ora Burt, who was born at Ithaca, December 16, 1864, the daughter of Flavius and Ellen (Lewis) Burt, natives of Thompson and Sullivan counties, respectively. Mr. Burt died in 1887 and his wife died in 1928. They are buried in Inlet Valley Cemetery, at Inlet, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Rumsey have two sons: 1. Hugh E., born March 13, 1893, lives at Ithaca. He is a graduate of Ithaca High School and since 1921 has been associated with his father's business. He married Miss Gladys M. Van De Mark, of Brooktondale, New York, and they have three children: Bernard Hugh, born June 9, 1923; Edward Louis, born October 27, 1927; and Jane Anne, born January 29, 1930. Gladys M. (VanDeMark) Rumsey is a graduate of Ithaca High School and Ithaca Memorial Hospital. 2. Leland S., born February 25, 1899, lives at Ithaca. He is a graduate of Ithaca High School and is also associated with his father in business. He married Miss Ellen Jones, of Rome, New York.

Mr. Rumsey is a Democrat and is affiliated with B. P. O. Elks, No. 636.

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**Floyd N. Potter.**—One of the popular restaurant owners of Central New York is Floyd N. Potter, who is proprietor of Potter's Restaurant at Trumansburg, Tompkins County. He was born there, January 28, 1889, the son of Coleman G. and Mary (McKean) Potter.

Coleman G. Potter is a native of Poughkeepsie, New York. He lived there during his early life and was educated in the public schools. He then was associated in the retail meat business at Trumansburg in partnership with his father, John Potter. Since 1905 Coleman G. Potter has been identified with his son's restaurant business in Trumansburg. He is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife was born at Otsego and died in 1895. She is buried in Trumansburg. There were four children in the Potter family: 1. Adelbert, lives at Ithaca. 2. Florence, married George Durling, lives at Ithaca. 3. Mary E., married Albert Durling, lives at Trumansburg. 4. Floyd N., the subject of this sketch.

Floyd N. Potter is a graduate of the public schools of Trumansburg. He has always been interested in the restaurant business with the exception of two years, which were spent in the insurance business at Erie, Pa., as superintendent of the Western & Southern Life Insurance Company, and three years with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Corry, Pennsylvania. His restaurant is among the attractive eating places in this section of the State and is noted for its splendid food.

Mr. Potter was married (first) September 12, 1908, to Miss Leatha Boutwell, of Corry, Pennsylvania. Their son, Moreland Nelson, was born March 14, 1910, and attends Ithaca College. Mr. Potter married (second) May 2, 1932, Miss Hattie Smith, of Catawissa, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Luther and Catherine (Hinderlighter) Smith. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Potter is a Republican and has served as deputy sheriff of Tompkins County since 1922. He is an honorary member of Trumansburg Fire Department.

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Claude T. Yates, who is connected with the L. C. Smith and Corona Typewriters, Inc. as works manager, is among the widely known citizens of Groton. He was born at Slaterville Springs, Tompkins County, December 20, 1887, the son of Morris E. and Jennie (Thomas) Yates.



Morris E. Yates died at Groton in 1924. He was a native of Slaterville Springs, received his education there, and for a number of years was interested in the feed business in partnership with his brother, Warren A. Yates. Later he located at Groton, where he was employed for ten years by J. G. Beach, miller. At the time of his death Mr. Yates was in charge of the Groton Municipal Lighting plant. He was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to Groton Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 496, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His widow, who lives at Groton, was born at Tarrytown, New York. They were the parents of two children: 1. Edna B., married Raymond A. LaBarre, lives at Detroit, Mich. 2. Claude T., the subject of this sketch.

Claude T. Yates is a graduate of Groton High School and Eastman's Commercial College at Poughkeepsie. During 1905-6 he was freight agent for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company at Groton, spent the following two years as a clerk in the hardware store of Buck & Gobel, and later served for one year as telegraph operator at Groton for the Lehigh Valley Railroad. He then became identified with the Standard Typewriter Company in 1909 as an accountant, subsequently served as purchasing agent, and in 1912 when the name of the business was changed to Corona Typewriter Company, Mr. Yates continued his duties as purchasing agent. He became works manager when the business was merged with the L. C. Smith Typewriter Company in 1926.

On October 6, 1909, Mr. Yates married Miss Cornelia Harris, of Newark, New York. She was born August 20, 1887, and is a graduate of Groton High School. Mr. and Mrs. Yates have three sons: 1. Stanley H., born October 30, 1913. 2. Philip D., born October 20, 1915. 3. Morris E., born September 17, 1919.

Politically Mr. Yates is a Republican. He has held the office of village clerk and since 1925 has been a member of the Board of Education. He and his family are members of the Congregational Church, and he belongs to Groton Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 496; Moravia Chapter, R. A. M. No. 30; Cortland Commandery, K. T.; Central City Consistory, A. A. S. R. 32°; Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton; Groton Rod & Gun Club; Cort-

land Country Club; and Chamber of Commerce. He is an honorary member of the Purchasing Agents of Central New York, and served as its president during 1921. Mr. Yates has been very active in "Boy Scout" work since 1925 and is president of Louis Agassiz Fuertes Council of Boy Scouts of America.

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**Robert J. Booth.**—Active in the business affairs of Groton is Robert J. Booth, funeral director, who is also a member of one of Tompkins County's prominent pioneer families. He was born at Groton, October 13, 1890, the son of Alvin and Fannie May (Perrigo) Booth.

Alvin Booth was born at Groton and spent his entire life in this community. He was a graduate of Groton Academy and as a young man learned cabinet making in the shops of his father, John Isaac Booth. The latter settled at Groton in 1860 and was one of the founders of the furniture and undertaking business which was conducted for many years under the firm name of Williams & Booth. In 1868 Smith Booth purchased the interest of Mr. Williams and was identified with the enterprise until 1880. The firm of J. I. Booth & Son continued until 1902 when the elder Mr. Booth died. The business was originally confined to cabinet making, later undertaking was introduced, and in 1900 the business was reorganized as a furniture and undertaking establishment. Alvin Booth died November 14, 1913, and is buried at Groton. His wife, a native of this place, died December 6, 1925. Their children were: 1. Russell C., a graduate of Cornell University, class of 1911, civil engineering. He is now stationed in the Canal Zone as a hydro-electric engineer. 2. Robert J., the subject of this sketch. 3. Eloise, married Robert Hesse, lives at Glenside, Pennsylvania. Mr. Booth was a Republican and served as village trustee. He was a member of the Congregational Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Robert J. Booth has always lived at Groton. After his graduation from high school he became associated with his father's



business and upon the latter's death in 1913, Mr. Booth assumed entire management. He became a licensed funeral director and embalmer in the State of New York in 1914.

On March 31, 1917, Mr. Booth was united in marriage with Miss Ethel M. Shaffer, who was born at Gloversville, New York, May 28, 1892, the daughter of Leslie L. and Elizabeth Julia (Boyle) Shaffer. Mr. Shaffer, a native of Schoharie County, died in 1924. His wife was born at Lowville, New York, and died in 1913. They are buried at Gloversville. Mrs. Booth is a graduate of Syracuse High School and the University of Syracuse, class of 1915. At the time of her marriage she was a teacher of physical education and public speaking at Groton High School. She also was graduated from the Syracuse School of Embalming in Syracuse in 1921, and is a licensed embalmer. She belongs to Delta Delta Delta sorority. To Mr. and Mrs. Booth have been born two children: 1. Raymond Alvin, born June 5, 1925. 2. Elizabeth Anne, born July 21, 1928.

Mr. Booth is a Republican and for several years held the office of justice of the peace. He is now a member of the Board of Education. He is a deacon of the Congregational Church, and belongs to Groton Lodge, No. 497, F. & A. M., Past Master; Groton Gun & Rod Club; Cortland Country Club; and Chamber of Commerce. He is identified with the New York State Embalmer's Association and New York State Undertakers Association. He is also a director of the First National Bank of Groton, which was founded in 1865 by his grandfather, Charles Perrigo. The latter came to Groton from Canajoharie, New York, in 1849, and at that time organized the Groton Bridge Company. He served as president of the First National Bank from the date of its organization in 1865 until 1890.

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**Herbert W. Gleason.**—Active and progressive in business affairs, Herbert W. Gleason is prominent throughout Tompkins County as secretary and treasurer of M. E. Moran & Company, Inc., road contractors, of Groton. He was born at Hammonds-

port, Steuben County, April 21, 1897, the son of Ezra C. and Stella (Robinson) Gleason.

Ezra C. Gleason was a native of Thurston, Steuben County. He was a graduate of Haverling Academy of Bath, New York, and conducted a retail lumber business at Hammondsport from 1908 until 1914. During the following seven years he was associated with the firm of Webster & Gleason, lumber dealers, at Groton, until his retirement. Mr. Gleason died in 1922. He was a Democrat, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Grange. His widow was born at Springwater, New York, and resides at Groton. To Mr. and Mrs. Gleason were born four children: 1. Carl, hardware dealer, lives at Groton. 2. Edmund H., who is vice president of M. E. Moran & Co., Inc. 3. Mildred V., married F. R. Gibson, lives at Dansville, New York. 4. Herbert W., the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from Groton High School in 1914, Herbert W. Gleason was identified with the Webster & Gleason Lumber Company for one year. He then became a bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Groton, and left that institution February 11, 1918, at which time he enlisted for service in the World War. He was stationed at Fort Slocum and Ellington Field, Texas, later being transferred to the Wilbur Wright Air Depot at Dayton, Ohio, where he served as sergeant of the 674th Air Corps, U. S. Air Service. He was honorably discharged March 31, 1919, and returned to Groton as bookkeeper in the employ of the First National Bank. Two years later he became a member of the firm of M. E. Moran & Company, and has since served as secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Gleason was married October 24, 1923, to Miss Hazel Jennison, of Marathon, New York, born February 22, 1900, the daughter of Bert and Ada (Brown) Jennison. Mr. Jennison is a farmer and lives near Marathon, in Cortland County. His wife is a native of Tompkins County. Mr. and Mrs. Gleason have no children.

Politically Mr. Gleason is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church and he is affiliated with the



Knights of Pythias, American Legion and Chamber of Commerce.

Ezra Gleason, grandfather of Herbert W. Gleason, served throughout the Civil War with the rank of lieutenant.

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**John Joseph Hare**, an attorney with law offices in the First National Bank Building, at Groton, Tompkins County, New York, was born here, February 20, 1875, the son of William W. and Mary E. (Conley) Hare.

William W. Hare, deceased, was a citizen of Groton, where he engaged in the practice of law for many years. He was born at Dryden, Tompkins County, in 1838, and died May 5, 1907. After his graduation from Dryden Academy he attended Cortland Normal School for two years and received the degree of LL. B. from Albany Law School in 1866, being admitted to the bar in 1867. Throughout his professional career Mr. Hare was located at Groton, and for a short time was associated with the firm of Myers & Hare, of Auburn, New York, later practicing alone at Groton, New York. He was a Prohibitionist and served as a member of the board of village trustees and school board. He also held membership in the Tompkins County Bar Association and was made a Mason in Dryden Lodge F. & A. M., and later became a member of Groton Lodge 496 F. & A. M. He was attorney for Perrigo Machine Company, of Groton. Mary E. (Conley) Hare was born at Locke, New York, April 30, 1849, and died May 20, 1924. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hare are buried in Rural Cemetery, at Groton. They had two children: 1. John Joseph the subject of this sketch. 2. Georgia, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

John Joseph Hare is a graduate of Cayuga Lake Military Academy at Aurora, New York, and received a degree at Hobart College in 1897. He was graduated from the Law School of Columbia University in the City of New York, and was a member of the class of 1902. Thereafter he was a law clerk in the law offices of Fordham, Beatty and Halsted in New York city, and was admitted to the practice of law in the First Department of the

Supreme Court of New York in the City of New York in 1903. Afterwards Mr. Hare was associated in the practice of law in Groton, New York with his father, William W. Hare, until the latter's death in 1907. Since 1912 he and his sister, Georgia Hare, have been associated in the practice of law in Groton, New York. He is a life member of the New York State and the American Bar Associations and is also a member of the Columbia University Law School Association. Mr. Hare is a Democrat and is affiliated with Groton Lodge F. and A. M. No. 496.

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**Georgia Hare.** A lawyer of Central New York, Miss Georgia Hare is engaged in practice at Groton, New York, associated with her brother, Attorney John J. Hare. She was born at Groton, November 30, 1882, the daughter of William W. and Mary E. (Conley) Hare.

A complete sketch of William W. Hare, deceased, appears elsewhere in this history.

After her graduation from Groton High School, Georgia Hare attended Syracuse University, from which she received the degrees of Ph. B. and LL. B. in 1909 and 1910 respectively and was admitted to the bar on November 30, 1910. She was a clerk in the law offices of the firm of Fowler, Crotch and Vann, at Syracuse until 1912, at which time she became associated with her brother, John J. Hare with law offices in the First National Bank Building. Miss Hare is the only woman as yet admitted to practice law in Tompkins County, Sixth Judicial Department. At the present time she is Deputy Attorney General for Tompkins County and is a member of the Tompkins County Bar Association and a life member of New York State, and American Bar associations.

Miss Hare is a Democrat and in 1926 was nominated for member of assembly. She holds membership in the Ithaca Women's Club, American Association of University Women, and Columbian Club.



**Howard Cobb** is engaged in the general practice of his profession at Ithaca as a member of the firm of Cobb, Cobb & Simpson, and is one of the representative attorneys of Tompkins County. He was born at North Bingham, Potter County, Pa., January 16, 1872, the son of Theodore and Margaret (Metzgar) Cobb.

Theodore Cobb was a native of New York, born at Spring Mills in 1843, and his wife was born at Coudersport, Pennsylvania in 1845. He attended Spring Mills Academy and as a young man was identified with his father's banking interests in that community. He also was interested in the mercantile business, and also took a prominent part in the building of the New York and Pennsylvania Railroad between Ceres and Canisteo, New York, a distance of sixty miles. At the time of his death in 1919 Mr. Cobb was president of that railroad. He also had extensive real estate interests. Mr. Cobb was a Republican and was supervisor for many years. He was a director of the First National Bank of Hornell, New York. His wife died in 1915. Both are buried at Spring Mills, New York. Their children were: 1. William, lives at Wellsville. 2. Howard, the subject of this sketch. 3. Arling, lives at Spring Mills. 4. Mary, who died in 1893. 5. Theodore C., lives at Canisteo, New York. 6. Claire, lives at Genesee, Pennsylvania.

Howard Cobb grew up at Spring Mills, New York, and attended the public schools. In 1889 he located at Ithaca with his family and entered Ithaca High School. He subsequently became a student at Cornell University in 1892 and received the degree of LL. B. in 1895. The following year was spent in graduate work at the university and Mr. Cobb was admitted to the bar in 1897. At that time he entered the law offices of Tompkins & Cobb, and in 1909 the firm was reorganized as Tompkins, Cobb & Cobb. Mr. Tompkins died in 1911, and Cobb, Cobb, McAllister & Feinberg continued as a leading law firm in this section until 1914, when it was reorganized as Cobb, Cobb, McAllister, Feinberg & Heath. In 1920 it became Cobb, Cobb & Heath, and four years later was changed to Cobb & Cobb. In July, 1929, Howard Cobb's partner, F. A. Cobb, died and on January 1, 1931, Harold E. Simpson became associated with Howard Cobb. Mr. Cobb is

a director of the First National Bank, as well as its attorney, and serves in the same capacity for the Lehigh Valley Railroad, New York & Pennsylvania Railroad, and Cayuga Rock Salt Company. He is also local attorney for the Standard Oil Company of New York.

On October 4, 1904, Mr. Cobb was united in marriage with Miss Frederica Robinson, the daughter of Edmund E. and Alice A. (Wykoff) Robinson. He was born at Groton, New York, as was his wife. He died in 1894 and his wife died in 1897. Both are buried in Ithaca Cemetery. Mr. Robinson was employed for many years by the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and also served as postmaster of Ithaca. He was a Republican and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. To Mr. and Mrs. Cobb were born six children: 1. Howard A., born October 5, 1905, died in 1925. 2. Frederick L., twin brother of Howard A., died October 8, 1905. 3. Edmund A., born June 22, 1907, a graduate of Ithaca High School, attended Cornell University, now civil engineer with the Cayuga Rock Salt Company. He is unmarried and lives at home. 4. Kenneth R., born June 8, 1909, a graduate of Ithaca High School and Rutgers University, at New Brunswick, New Jersey. 5. John W., born May 4, 1914, a graduate of Ithaca High School, attends Cornell University. 6. Virginia R., born June 29, 1917, attends Ithaca High School.

Mr. Cobb is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Hobasco Lodge No. 716, F. & A. M., Eagle chapter, R. A. M., St. Augustine Commandery, No. 38, K. T., Post Commander. He is past president of the Tompkins County Bar Association.

During his college career Mr. Cobb took a prominent part in athletics and in 1897 was captain and manager of the Geneseo Baseball Club, being appointed by Congressman J. W. Wadsworth for one season for the purpose of giving the present Senator Wadsworth the necessary experience to make the Yale University team as first baseman, and during that season the Geneseo team traveled throughout the East and as far West as Chicago, winning thirty-four out of a series of thirty-six games. Eight members of this champion team were offered contracts in the major baseball leagues.



He has been appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Tompkins County in defending them in the tax payers action, and is associated therein with C. Tracey Stagg, whereby a minority of the Board of Supervisors, with tax payers are endeavoring to prevent the supervisors from building a new court house, jail and providing other county offices, which are now under construction. At the present time all motions for injunctions have been defended successfully.

Much of Mr. Cobb's time is devoted to the trial of actions against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, in five different counties, and this has continued over a period for the past twenty-five years. A number of decisions have been defended through the courts including the United States Supreme Court. The trial work of other corporations and other individuals is always occupying his time.

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**Paul S. Livermore.**—The professional career of Paul S. Livermore has extended over a number of years in Ithaca, and he is numbered among the prominent attorneys of Tompkins County. He was born at Lisle, New York, July 16, 1875, the son of George and Ellen (Smith) Livermore.

George Livermore lives retired at Ithaca. He was born at Lisle and his wife was a native of Fondulac, Wisconsin. Her death occurred in 1905 and she is buried in Ithaca. Mr. Livermore was president of the Ithaca Gun Company from 1886 until his retirement and continued in that capacity after the incorporation of the business in 1904. To Mr. and Mrs. Livermore were born two children: 1. Paul S., the subject of this sketch. 2. E. Belle, who married Nelson H. Genung, lives at 121 North Walnut Street, East Orange, New Jersey.

Paul S. Livermore was ten years of age when his parents removed from Syracuse to Ithaca. He is a graduate of the Ithaca public schools and received the degree of A. B. and LL. B. at Cornell University. His entire professional career has been spent in this city.

On September 27, 1899, Mr. Livermore married Miss Zeffa Evans, a native of Titusville, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Evan D. and Louise (Reid) Evans, the former a native of Wales and the latter of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Livermore have a daughter, Eleanor, who is the wife of William C. Combs. He is associated with the law firm of Mann, Strang, Bodine & Wright, of Rochester, New York.

Mr. Livermore is a Republican and has served as supervisor of Tompkins County and as commissioner of health in the city of Ithaca. He is president of the Ithaca Chamber of Commerce, former president of the Ithaca City Hospital, a member of the State Board of Social Welfare. He is an active member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and University Club of New York City.

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**Joseph F. Hickey.**—As secretary of the Ithaca Chamber of Commerce, Joseph F. Hickey is numbered among the best known men in the city, and he has also been interested in business here for a period of 40 years. He was born at Ithaca, November 25, 1869, the son of Joseph P. and Margaret (Hanrahan) Hickey.

Joseph P. Hickey, the father, was born at Oswego, New York, July 25, 1841, and died at Ithaca in October, 1930. His wife was a native of Montreal, Canada. Her death occurred in 1884. Mr. Hickey located at Ithaca in 1860 and established a successful business there as a cooper. He also conducted a retail and wholesale meat business for a number of years. He retired from active business in 1900. Mr. Hickey was a Democrat and a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Hickey were born nine children, as follows: 1. Edward, who died in 1902. 2. John, who died in infancy. 3. Catherine, now Sister Mary Alfred in the order of the Sisters of St. Joseph, at Rochester, New York. 4. Joseph F., the subject of this sketch. 5. Mary Jane, married Capt. William LaFrance, and they have five sons, four of whom are graduates of Cornell University. 6. Thomas, who died at the age of 35 years. 7. Anna, who died in infancy.



8. Margaret, married Walter Kelley, electrical engineer for the Rausch Company of New York City. 9. James, who died in infancy.

Joseph F. Hickey is a graduate of Ithaca High School. His entire business career has been spent in this city, and as mentioned above, he became interested in the music business here in 1892 as a dealer in instruments and supplies. He was a charter member of the Ithaca Business Men's Association which was established in 1892. In 1915 he was prominently identified with the reorganization of this association into the present modern Chamber of Commerce and served three years on the first board of directors, the third year as president during 1918. He has been managing secretary since 1928.

Mr. Hickey is a director of the Ithaca Memorial Hospital, trustee of Ithaca College, commissioner of education, and director of the Ithaca Savings and Loan Association and Tompkins County National Bank.

In June, 1898, Mr. Hickey was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Quinn, of Ithaca, the daughter of Michael and Catherine Quinn. They were natives of Ireland and died in 1892 and 1922, respectively. They are buried at Ovid, Seneca County. Mr. and Mrs. Hickey have four children:

1. James F., M. D., born in 1899, a graduate of Ithaca High School. He received the degree of Doctor of Arts at Cornell University in 1921, and the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Cornell Medical School in 1929. He is a member of the staff of Willard State Hospital. He married Miss Margaret Ward, of Belmont, New York.

2. Madeline, born in 1901, a graduate of Ithaca High School and Cornell University. During 1924 she studied at the Sorbonne, in Paris, France, and since 1925 has been identified with the New York City public schools.

3. Francis J., born in 1903, was educated at Ithaca High School and Notre Dame University. He married Miss Gladys Holmes, of Georgetown, New York, and they have three children: Carmelita, born in 1926; Letitia, born in 1928; Joseph F. II, born in 1930.

4. Leo A., born in 1907, a graduate of St. Michael's School, Toronto, Canada. He married Miss Martha Tichener, and they have two children: Leo A., Jr., born in 1930; and Anna Louise, born in 1932. They live at Ithaca.

Mr. Hickey is a Democrat, a member and trustee of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Rotary Club, past president of each.

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**Allan H. Treman.**—One of Ithaca's most prominent young lawyers and leading citizens is Allan H. Treman, who is serving as City Attorney. He is also attorney for the Tompkins County National Bank, assistant attorney and trustee of the Ithaca Savings Bank, a director of the National Bank of Geneva, Geneva, New York, and a director of Treman, King & Company, of Ithaca. He was born in this city, August 8, 1899, the son of Robert H. and Laura (Hosie) Treman.

A sketch of Robert H. Treman appears elsewhere in this history. Two sons were born to Robert H. and Laura (Hosie) Treman: 1. Robert E., who is president of Treman, King & Company, and vice-president of the Tompkins County National Bank. He lives at Ithaca. 2. Allan H., the subject of this sketch.

Allan H. Treman was educated in the public schools of Ithaca and attended The Hill School at Pottstown, Pennsylvania. He received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws at Cornell University in 1921 and 1924, respectively. He was on the Cornell Track Team for three years and president of the Musical Clubs. He was admitted to the bar in 1924. His entire professional career has been spent in this city. During the World War Mr. Treman served in the Students' Army Training Corps at Cornell University, and was honorably discharged from the army.

On June 15, 1927, Mr. Treman married Miss Ellen Francis Barton, who was born at Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, March 18, 1904. She is a daughter of Col. Frank A. and Louise (Wilkerson) Barton, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this issue. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Treman: 1. Elaine, born May 2, 1929. 2. Barton, born March 16, 1931.





ALLAN H. TREMAN





Mr. Treman is a Democrat, and is a member of the Tompkins County, New York State, and American Bar Associations, and is chairman of the "Committee on Legal Ethics" of the New York State Bar Association. He belongs to Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Phi, Phi Beta Kappa, and Phi Kappa Phi fraternities; Order of the Coif, Quill and Dagger, Cornell Club, Savage Club of Ithaca, Ithaca Rotary Club, and Ithaca Country Club. He and his wife are active members of the First Presbyterian Church, of which he is an elder.

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**Col. Frank Arthur Barton**, one of the widely known military men of New York State, and for many years Commandant of the military training at Cornell University, was born at Washington, D. C., July 23, 1869.

He attended Cornell University, and received the degree of M. E. in 1891, having been Colonel of the Cadet Corps his senior year. Upon graduation he entered the regular army in August, 1891, and followed a military career until his death, August 5, 1921. He served in the Spanish-American War in 1898 and the Philippine campaigns and insurrection in 1899 and 1902. He was in charge of the military training at Cornell University from 1904 to 1908. Later he served in the Third Cavalry on the Mexican Border, and thereafter again served in the Philippines, returning to Cornell University as Commandant of the R. O. T. C. in 1917. During the World War he was in charge of all the S. A. T. C. training in New York and several eastern states. He was posthumously cited for gallantry in action in the Philippino campaigns.

He was very much interested in welfare movements of various sorts, and was particularly interested in the Boy Scout movement, to a great extent being responsible for its growth in Ithaca and serving as first president of the Ithaca Council. Camp Barton on Cayuga Lake, first at Taughannock Point and now permanently at Frontenac Point, was named for him.

Colonel Barton was a Republican, a member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity; Quill and Dagger Society at Cornell; the Town

& Gown, Country, and Rotary Clubs of Ithaca; and the Army and Navy Club at Washington, D. C. He was a Mason. For many years he was a trustee of the Unitarian Church of Ithaca.

Colonel Barton married Louise Wilkeson, of Youngstown, New York, April 20, 1898. To Colonel and Mrs. Barton the following children were born:

1. William Wilkeson Barton, a graduate of West Point in 1921 and now a manufacturer at Rockford, Illinois, where he married Constance Forbes. They have two children, Betty Lou and Forbes.

2. Harriet, a graduate of Cornell University in 1924, later married Prof. Paul O'Leary, a member of the Cornell Faculty. They reside at Ithaca.

3. Ellen Francis, who attended the College of Architecture at Cornell, and later married Allan H. Treman, whose sketch appears elsewhere.

4. Katherine, who attended Cornell and graduated from the National Kindergarten College at Evanston, Illinois, and after teaching for several years at Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania, is now teaching in Ithaca.

5. Wilhelmina, who received an A. B. degree at Cornell in 1931 and an M. A. in 1932.

Mrs. Barton resides in Ithaca at 37 Barton Place.

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**Charles Stewart Williams.** One of the prominent young business men of Tompkins County is Charles Stewart Williams, who is secretary and treasurer of the Dryden Marble & Granite Works, Inc., of Dryden. He was born here April 23, 1909, the son of Charles E. and Helen Amelia (Stewart) Williams.

Charles E. Williams is president of the Dryden Marble & Granite Works, Inc. He was born at Dryden and is a son of Charles D. Williams, who is now eighty-five years of age. The latter was the founder of the Dryden Marble Works many years ago. It was subsequently operated as the firm of Williams & Bower, and in 1923 was incorporated, with Charles D. Williams as presi-



dent. He served in that capacity until his retirement in 1929. His son, Charles E., had served as secretary and treasurer, and succeeded to the presidency in 1929. Charles D. Williams is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is the oldest living member of Dryden Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he is past master. He has also served as mayor of Dryden and is a director of the First National Bank. His son, Charles E., attended St. John's Military Academy, at Manlius, N. Y., and throughout his business career has been identified with the Dryden Marble & Granite Works. His wife was also born at Dryden. They have two sons: 1. Charles Stewart, the subject of this sketch. 2. Harrison, also identified with the granite business at Dryden.

Charles Stewart Williams received his early education in the public schools of Dryden and attended Taylor University at Upland, Indiana. He has been associated with the Dryden Marble & Granite Works since January, 1929, and became secretary and treasurer of the concern in August, 1930.

On September 22, 1928, Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Miss Meredith Lamont, who was born at Dryden, November 27, 1909. She is a graduate of Dryden High School and attended Taylor University. Her parents are Bruce and Edna (Wheeler) Lamont. The former died in 1916 and the latter lives at Dryden. To Mr. and Mrs. Williams have been born two children: 1. Diana Joyce, born November 9, 1929. 2. Charles Bruce, born March 4, 1932.

Mr. Williams is a Republican and he and his wife are active members of the Presbyterian Church.

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**Hon. Herman Bergholtz.**—The name of Bergholtz and electricity have been almost synonymous in Ithaca and Central New York for a period of over 40 years, and he has also been prominent in the civic life of the city of Ithaca, of which he now serves as mayor. Mr. Bergholtz was born at Varnamo, Sweden, June 19, 1866, the son of Johan Ferdinand and Amelia (Bjorklund) Bergholtz.

Johan Ferdinand Bergholtz was a native of Sweden, and died there in 1887. He was a scientist of note, being identified with the invention of patent leather, and he owned and operated tanneries and plants throughout Sweden, with branches in Germany and France. He was also identified with the early development of the safety match. Politically, he was a member of the king's council. His father, George J. Bergholtz, came to Sweden from Germany in 1814. He served as surgeon general in the Swedish army and after the battle of Leipzig in 1813 was invited by the Crown Prince of Sweden to locate in his province as court physician and surgeon for the Swedish Army. He also served on the king's council. The genealogy of the Bergholtz family may be traced to the early part of the 14th century. To Johan Ferdinand and Amelia (Bjorklund) Bergholtz were born the following children: 1. Agnes Törner, deceased. 2. Hilma, deceased. 3. Herman, the subject of this sketch. 4. George J., lives at Stockholm, Sweden.

Herman Bergholtz received his education in his native land, being a graduate of Lund University, Ph. B., and he also attended the Royal Polytechnical School, at Berlin, Germany. In 1883 he came to the United States and was immediately associated with the laboratories of Thomas A. Edison. He made a return trip to Sweden in 1884, and then resumed his laboratory and experimental work in the Edison laboratories. In 1886 Mr. Bergholtz became identified with the Thomson-Houston Electric Company, at Boston, Massachusetts, and three years later designed in order to devote his entire time and energy to the development of electric street railway systems throughout the United States as a pioneer. Mr. Bergholtz organized and built the following electric railway systems: President of the Cortland and Homer Traction Company; Cortland and Homer Electric Light Company; president of the Staten Island Electric Railway Company in New York City, and was also identified with the organization of the electric railways in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Easton, Pennsylvania, Altoona, Pennsylvania, and one of the Pittsburgh Electric Railways and many others extending as far west as Sioux City, Iowa. He was one of the organizers of the El Paso and Northeastern Rail-



road Company, which was operated by steam. This road consisted of 500 miles, extending into New Mexico, which is now a part of the Rock Island System. Aside from the electric business, Mr. Bergholtz was identified with other large enterprises, among them he was a founder and for many years president of the United States White Lead Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was one of the pioneers in the automobile manufacturing business, being president of "The Automobile Fore-Carriage Company of America." Mr. Bergholtz came to Ithaca in 1892 and purchased the electric franchise in order to develop and build the modern electric light plant in the city. One of the first hydro electric power plants in the country was built by Mr. Bergholtz at Ithaca. He is a charter member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. Mr. Bergholtz has also been extensively interested in real estate in Ithaca and developed Renwick Park on Cayuga Lake, now known as Stewart Park and owned by the city. He also founded and developed Cornell Heights and built the connecting bridge between that suburb and Cornell University. He was the owner of the Cayuga Heights property, which has since been developed and improved by Charles Blood and Jared Newman. Mr. Bergholtz also receives credit for the development of Lakeview Cemetery, Ithaca. He is a trustee of Ithaca Memorial Hospital, trustee of Cornell Library Association, and director of the Ithaca Chamber of Commerce. He is honorary member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Ithaca.

In 1899 Mr. Bergholtz was united in marriage with Miss Adeline O. Thomson, of Philadelphia, who died in 1929. Her brother, Elihu Thomson, is a noted inventor and one of the founders of the General Electric Company. Her parents were Daniel and Mary M. (Tennant) Thomson, natives of Scotland and England, respectively. Both are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Bergholtz were born three children: 1. Hilma Marie, married Prof. Edward F. Hopkins, and they have three daughters, Elizabeth, Jean, and Anne. Mrs. Hopkins is a graduate of Cornell University. 2. Dorothy, born in 1895, died in 1909. 3. Herman, Jr., born in 1902, a graduate of Cornell University, class of 1925, now asso-

ciated with the General Electric Company as an electrical engineer. He is unmarried.

In 1929 Mr. Bergholtz was elected to the office of mayor of Ithaca, being the first Democrat to hold that office in seventeen years. His votes carried every district and ward in the city, and he was re-elected to office in 1931.

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**Ebenezer T. Turner**, retired, is recognized as one of the representative citizens of Ithaca, where he has spent his entire life. He was vice-president and director of the Morse Chain Company for many years, and since 1906 has also been a director of the First National Bank of Ithaca. Since 1917 Mr. Turner has served as librarian of Cornell University Library. He was born at Ithaca, October 8th, 1862, the son of Ebenezer T. and Mary Elizabeth (Williams) Turner.

Ebenezer T. Turner, deceased, was a native of Connecticut. He was educated there and in the early '50s came to Ithaca, where he soon became identified with the city's banking interests as the first president of the First National Bank. He had extensive real estate holdings in this section, as did his sister, Mrs. John McGraw. Mr. Turner died in 1884, and his wife, a native of New York, died in 1903. Both are buried in Ithaca. Mr. Turner was a Republican and a member of the Episcopal Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Turner were born four children: 1. Samuel B., who died in 1906, was a director of the First National Bank and for many years librarian of Cornell University Library. 2. Ebenezer T., the subject of this sketch. 3. Elizabeth, who died in infancy. 4. William, who died at the age of two years.

Ebenezer T. Turner was reared and educated in Ithaca. He received a degree as Civil Engineer at Cornell University in 1884, and spent the following two years as a special investigator in the university laboratories. In 1889 he was associated with the U. S. Weather Bureau and served as observer at Ithaca until 1900, later being located in New York City, Norfolk, Virginia, and Philadelphia. In association with Professor Furetus he organized the



State of New York Weather Bureau in connection with the federal bureau. Since 1904 Mr. Turner's business interests have been identified with the Morse Chain Company. The business had been established at Trumansburg, New York, in 1890 and was removed to Ithaca in 1904. Mr. Turner retired from the company in 1928, at which time it was merged with the Borg-Warner Company.

In 1900 Mr. Turner was united in marriage with Miss Martha M. Mairs, of Saratoga, New York, who died in 1916. She was the daughter of Thomas and Emma (Thompson) Mairs. Both are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Turner had no children.

Politically, Mr. Turner is a Republican. He is an Episcopalian, and is trustee of Cornell Library Association, Cornell University, and Ithaca Memorial Hospital. He has spent much time in scientific research work and in 1902 was the author of a widely read book, "The Climate of New York State."

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**James A. Causer.**—A widely known citizen and popular hotel owner of Central New York is James A. Causer, who is proprietor of the Ithaca Hotel. He was born at Springfield, Pennsylvania, November 26, 1870, the son of Joseph and Margaret (Freeborn) Causer.

Joseph Causer was a native of England and his wife was born in Ireland. He was two years old when his parents came to the United States and located at Danville, Pennsylvania. For a period of thirty-five years Mr. Causer was interested in the iron and steel business in Pennsylvania and later lived at Elmira, where he became owner and manager of the old Elmira House. He was living retired at the time of his death in 1927. His wife died in 1922. Both are buried in Elmira. Mr. Causer was a Republican and served as park commissioner for a number of years. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and a 32nd degree Mason. To Mr. and Mrs. Causer were born six children: 1. James A., the subject of this sketch. 2. John H., owner and manager of Langwell Hotel, Elmira, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history. 3. Mrs. Albert Bundy, lives at Elmira. 4. Joseph, who

died in 1928. 5. Freeborn, who died in 1922. 6. Fred, lives at Elmira.

James A. Causer is a graduate of the Elmira public schools. In his early youth he became associated with his father in the hotel business, and in 1896, in association with his brother, John H. Causer, Mr. Causer purchased land and built the Langwell Hotel in Elmira. They rented the Ithaca Hotel on East State Street in 1901, and soon after purchased the building which was completely modernized by them. They continued as partners until 1919 at which time John H. became owner of the Langwell Hotel and James A., the Ithaca Hotel.

Mr. Causer married (first) in 1896 Miss Bertha Figles, of Elmira, who died in 1902. She was the daughter of Rev. Charles and Harriet (Adams) Figles, who were natives of Pennsylvania. To James A. and Bertha (Figles) Causer was born a son, Robert L. He is an accomplished musician and at the present time is identified with "Bob Causer's Cornellians," a popular dance band in this section. He is also assistant manager of the Ithaca Hotel. James A. Causer married (second) in 1908 Miss Laura Hesley, of Ithaca, the daughter of Paul and Anna Hesley, natives of Switzerland. Both are deceased.

Politically Mr. Causer is a Republican, and at the present time is acting mayor of Ithaca. He has served as alderman of the Second Ward and chairman of the Finance Committee. He is an attendant of the Christian Science Church and belongs to the Elks Lodge, Rotary Club, and Ithaca Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Causer have a summer home at Newfield, New York.

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**Harrison Adams** is widely known as the able sheriff of Tompkins County, and is a substantial citizen of Ithaca. He was born at North Spencer, Tioga County, October 10, 1878, the son of Frank W. and Rocelia (Cowles) Adams.

Frank W. Adams, who died July 1, 1931, was a progressive and well known farmer of Tioga County. He was born at North Spencer, educated there, and at an early age had extensive farm-



ing interests. In 1909 he became owner of the Turner farm on South Hill, near Ithaca, which he operated until 1917. He then purchased another farm in that section where he remained until 1930. He was living retired at Ithaca at the time of his death. Rocelia (Cowles) Adams was born at North Spencer and lives at 128 Lynn Street, Ithaca. Mr. Adams was a Republican and held the offices of supervisor and justice of the peace. He was a member of the Forest City Grange. There were two children in the Adams family: 1. Mary L., unmarried, lives at home. 2. Harrison, the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from North Spencer School, Harrison Adams attended Warner's Business College, at Elmira. He was then identified with the Elmira Reformatory for three years, and from 1903 until 1908 was employed at the Auburn State Prison. Mr. Adams was also interested in general farming until 1917. He then served as superintendent of highways at Ithaca for two years, afterward being appointed under-sheriff by Sheriff Ellis. He was elected to the office of sheriff in November, 1929.

On October 10, 1912, Mr. Adams married Miss Josephine Utter, the daughter of George and Louisa (Banks) Utter. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Ithaca. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have no children.

Politically Mr. Adams has always been a Republican. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of Fidelity Lodge No. 51, F. & A. M., and Forest City Grange.

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**William F. George.**—As president of the commissioners of elections in Tompkins County, William F. George is also widely known in this section as a successful fruit farmer. He was born at Redwood, Jefferson County, February 3, 1861, the son of Jason and Nancy (Adams) George.

Jason George was a native of New York and died at Ithaca in 1926. His wife was born near Redwood, Jefferson County, and her death occurred in 1917. Mr. George was a member of a well known pioneer family of Redwood. They settled at Alexandria, on the shores of Mud Lake and in 1881 located in Ithaca, where

Mr. George successfully engaged in the manufacture of glass. He was a Democrat and held membership in the Episcopal Church. To Mr. and Mrs. George were born three children: 1. William F., the subject of this sketch. 2. Mrs. Sarah Hartman, lives at Ithaca. 3. John A., who died in 1929.

William F. George lived at Redwood, Jefferson County, until he had attained the age of twenty years. He received his education in the public schools there and as a young man became interested in the fur business with his grandfather, who was a buyer in the St. Lawrence River region. Later, Mr. George located in Ithaca and was associated with his father for a time. In 1922 he retired from the glass business after being associated with the Washington Glass Company and the Ithaca Glass Company. In 1917 he had purchased his fifty acres of fruit land near Lansing on Cayuga Lake, where he now resides.

On December 23, 1882, Mr. George was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Pickert, of Redwood, Jefferson County, New York, the daughter of Charles and Louisa (DeGarmo) Pickert. Mr. Pickert died in 1880, after a career as steamboat captain on the Hudson River. His wife was born in Saratoga County and died in 1900. To Mr. and Mrs. George were born seven children, as follows: 1. Leta, born in 1883, the widow of Charles Houghton, lives at Ithaca. She has four children: Charles, Virginia, Betty, and Roberta. 2. Jennie A., born in 1885, a graduate nurse, Buffalo General Hospital, married Dr. Ward Manchester, surgeon, and they live at Batavia, New York. They have three children: Ward B., attends Cornell University; John, attends Manlius Military Academy; and Barbara. 3. Pearl H., born in 1887, met with an accidental death at Jamestown, New York, in October, 1930. He married Marie Rasmuson and had two children, Lillian and Martha. They live at Jamestown. 4. Beatrice, born in 1889, attended Cornell University, married (first) to Prof. George Shemp, who died during the influenza epidemic in 1918 at Athens, Georgia. They had four children: Lucy C., attends Cornell University; Beatrice; George; and John. She married (second) Alfred Haley and lives in Ithaca. 5. Louise, born in 1892, is assistant treasurer of Cornell University. She married Lawrence But-



ler of Ithaca. 6. William F., Jr., born in 1894, died in 1922. He was married and had a son, William F. III. The family lives at Albany, Georgia. 7. Ruth, born in 1897, married Victor Brown, lives at Randolph, New York. They have a daughter, Phyllis.

Politically Mr. George has always been a Democrat. He has held the offices of Alderman and Supervisor and was a candidate for mayor. He has served in his present office as president of the Commissioners of Election since 1926. He and his family are members of the Episcopal Church and he belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He is president of the Farm Bureau and Tompkins County Fair Association.

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**John J. Larkin.**—For more than half a century John J. Larkin has been identified with the business interests of Ithaca as a retail grocer, and he is recognized as one of the dependable merchants of the city. He was born in Ireland, June 14, 1869, the son of Edward and Agnes (Prendergast) Larkin.

Edward Larkin died at Ithaca in 1917 after a successful business career in this city. Both he and his wife were natives of Ireland and emigrated to this country in 1877. Two years later he brought his family to Ithaca and in 1888 established a grocery business at 105-07 Eddy Street. He disposed of the business to his sons, T. J., W. F., and John J. Larkin, in 1895, and until his death lived retired in Ithaca. His wife died in 1908. Mr. Larkin was a Democrat and held membership in the Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Larkin were born nine children: 1. T. J., grocer, lives at Ithaca. 2. John J., the subject of this sketch. 3. W. F., antique dealer, lives at Ithaca. 4. Edward, M. D., surgeon, specialist, lives at Washington, D. C., and is physician for the Washington "Senators." 5. Mary, the widow of Howard Walker, lives in New York City. 6. Delilah, married Prof. John E. Reyna, lives at Ithaca. 7. Julia, a nurse, lives in New York City. 8. Celia, married Emil Hess, lives at Ithaca. 9. Kittie, married a Mr. Anderson, lives at White Plains, New York.

After two years as a student at Ithaca High School, John J. Larkin became associated with his father's grocery business. As

mentioned above, the business was reorganized in 1895 as Larkin Brothers, and continued thus for five years, when T. J. Larkin sold his interest. In 1915 John J. Larkin became sole owner of the enterprise, although it has continued under the firm name of Larkin Brothers. A new store and office building was erected by Mr. Larkin at 403 College Avenue in 1914, and he has since also conducted a delicatessen shop in connection with the business.

In 1892 Mr. Larkin married Miss Catherine E. Naughton, of Ithaca, the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Gibbons) Naughton. Mr. and Mrs. Naughton were natives of Ireland and died at Ithaca in 1930 and 1906 respectively. Three sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Larkin: 1. Edward Francis, born in 1893, a graduate of Cornell University and Buffalo Medical University with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He is engaged in practice at Ithaca. 2. Leo Paul, born in 1895, a graduate of Cornell University, degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Medicine. He also has taken two years of graduate work in X-ray study at Cornell University, and served as interne in the University Hospital. He is now engaged in private practice at Ithaca. He married Miss Anita Wade, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and they have two children: Lee and Dorothy. Doctor Larkin is commodore of the Ithaca Yacht Club. 3. John Vincent, born in 1899, a graduate of Cornell University, Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Landscape Architecture. He also spent a year in graduate study in Landscape Architecture in Europe. He has offices at Ithaca. He married Miss Myrtle Van Williams, of Kingston, New York, and they have two daughters, Joan and Jean.

Mr. Larkin has always been a Democrat. He and his family are members of the Immaculate Conception Church, and he belongs to B. P. O. Elks No. 636, Knights of Columbus, Rotary Club, and Ithaca Yacht Club. He is also vice president of the Chamber of Commerce and belongs to Veteran Firemen Cayuga Hose Company No. 1.

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**Arthur W. Cochran.**—A widely known citizen and popular newspaper man of Central New York is Arthur W. Cochran, who is state editor of the Ithaca Journal-News. He was born at La-



Porte, Indiana, February 16, 1870, the son of Warren and Viola A. (Andrew) Cochran.

Warren Cochran was a native of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and he was a veteran of the Civil War. In his early youth his family located at LaPorte, Indiana, where he was educated. During the war he served with the Sixth Massachusetts Cavalry and was taken prisoner on two occasions. Upon the close of the war Mr. Cochran returned to Indiana, where he spent a number of years as a sales representative. He died in Ithaca in 1909 and his wife, born at Michigan City, Indiana, died in 1930. Both are buried at LaPorte, Indiana. Mr. Cochran was a Republican. To Warren and Viola A. (Andrew) Cochran were born four children: 1. Arthur W., the subject of this sketch. 2. Julia A., unmarried, lives at Stanford, Connecticut. 3. Charles F., lives at Washington, D. C. 4. Abram A., lives at Port Dickinson, New York.

Arthur W. Cochran grew up at LaPorte, Indiana, and attended the public schools. He learned the trade of printer and spent four years in the middle west in that capacity. In 1894 Mr. Cochran came to Ithaca and became foreman on the old Ithaca Daily News in 1896. Subsequently, he served as foreman on the Ithaca Journal for a quarter of a century, and in 1927 became state editor of the Ithaca Journal-News.

On June 25, 1895, Mr. Cochran was united in marriage with Miss Fanny Brown, of Ithaca, the daughter of Orson C. and Elizabeth (Cooper) Brown, natives of New York. Mr. Brown, who died in 1902, was a Civil War veteran, and held membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife died in 1917. They are buried at Trumansburg, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran have no children.

Mr. Cochran is an independent Republican. He holds membership in the Knights of Pythias, Sons of Union Veterans, Ithaca Chamber of Commerce, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Typographical Union.

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**Isadore Altschuler**, who is manager of the Bool Floral Company, Inc., 215 East State Street, is well and favorably known in Ithaca. He was born in Russia, August 30, 1904, the son of Morris and Alice Altschuler.

Morris Altschuler is a substantial citizen of Ithaca, and has been a resident of this city since 1907. He is interested in the clothing business. He is a Democrat and holds membership in the Jewish Synagogue, of which he served as president for four years. To Mr. and Mrs. Altschuler were born three children: 1. Benjamin, lives at Hartford, Connecticut. 2. Isadore, the subject of this sketch. 3. Bertha, a graduate of Ithaca High School, class of 1929, and attended Ithaca Conservatory of Music. She is now a teacher of music in the city.

Isadore Altschuler came to the United States at the age of three years. He attended the Ithaca public schools and at the age of fifteen years entered the employ of the Bool Floral Company. He began as clerk, later became assistant manager, and in 1923 was appointed manager. He is a director of the company. The Bool Floral Company, Inc., has been established about thirty-five years and operate a retail and wholesale business. They have large range of greenhouses located in Ithaca. They are members of the Florists Telegraph Delivery Association.

On August 31, 1924, Mr. Altschuler married Miss Harriet Elizabeth Wilcox, of Ithaca, the daughter of R. J. and Lottie (Gibbs) Wilcox. Mr. Wilcox is interested in the insurance business in Ithaca. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. and Mrs. Altschuler have a son, Bernard David, born January 7, 1926.

Mr. Altschuler is a Democrat, a member of B. P. O. Elks No. 636, and belongs to the Cayuga Athletic Club and Y. M. C. A.

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**S. Bruce Wilson**, who has served as general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Ithaca since 1913, is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Middleton, Ontario, Canada, July 19, 1874, the son of John and Rebecca (Taylor) Wilson.

John Wilson was born in County Armaugh, Ireland, and died in Ontario in 1883. His wife was a native of England and died in 1887. At the age of 21 years John Wilson left Ireland and located in Canada, where he lived during the remainder of his life. He was a farmer. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were born the following



children: 1. Jasper, who died in 1911. 2. Joseph, who died in 1916. 3. Charles E., who died in 1922. 4. Jane Williams, who died in 1929. 5. Maria McNiece, who died in 1917. 6. Susan Thompson, who died in 1930. 7. William John, retired, lives at Detroit, Mich. 8. David, retired, lives at London, Ontario, Canada. 9. Frederick, lives at Toronto, Canada. 10. S. Bruce, the subject of this sketch. Three children died in infancy.

At the age of fourteen years S. Bruce Wilson came to live with his brother at Byron, Ontario, from Brigden. His father died at that time, and Mr. Wilson learned the harness making trade after completing his schooling. He was employed at Petrolia, Ontario, and Brantford, and later lived at Paris, Ontario, where he became interested in Y. M. C. A. work. He served as secretary there for two years, and then attended the Y. M. C. A. Training School at Springfield, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1902. He was then located at St. John, New Brunswick, as secretary for three years; Brantford, Ontario, for three years; New Rochelle, New York, as general secretary for five years; and on September 1, 1913, came to Ithaca as general secretary. He enlisted for service in the World War in September, 1917, and was stationed at Camp Dix, New Jersey, in charge of Y. M. C. A. Hut No. 8, until June 1, 1918, when he was transferred to Cornell University in charge of the Y. M. C. A. with the Aviation School, until the close of the war.

In October, 1903, Mr. Wilson married Miss Sadie Jackson, of Brantford, Ontario. Her parents were natives of Ireland and are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have a daughter, Anna M., born at Brantford, in 1907. She is a graduate of Cornell University and Western Reserve University Library School, Cleveland. She is librarian in the Ithaca Junior High School. She is a member of Sigma Kappa sorority and Cornell Women's Club.

Mr. Wilson was appointed first commissioner of Boy Scouts in Ithaca in 1917 and served as a member of the Court of Honor until 1931. He also was chairman of the Council of Social Agencies during 1926-27. He organized and directed the City Employment Bureau of Ithaca in 1931-32.

Mr. Wilson is a Republican. He is a trustee of the First Methodist Church of Ithaca. He is a Past Master of Hobasco Lodge No. 716, F. & A. M., Eagle Chapter No. 58, R. A. M., Past Commander of St. Augustine Commandery, No. 38, K. T. For three years Mr. Wilson was a member of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. He has held various offices in the Central New York, Y. M. C. A. Secretary's Association. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Ithaca Rotary Club and served one term as secretary.

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**Henry Bruner Sutton, M. D.**—One of the most able of the young physicians and surgeons of Central New York is Dr. Henry B. Sutton, of Ithaca, who is established in practice in that city with offices at 106 East State Street. He was born at Albion, Orleans County, New York, November 2, 1893, the son of John E. and Lizzie P. (Bruner) Sutton.

Dr. John E. Sutton is widely known throughout Orleans County as a successful physician and surgeon at Albion, where he has spent many years in practice. He was born at Kent, New York, attended the public schools of Albion and in 1881 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the University of Buffalo. During the following four years he practiced at Scottsville, Monroe County, and in 1885 located at Albion, where he now resides. Doctor Sutton has been health officer of Albion, as well as coroner of Orleans County, and for many years has been president of the Albion Board of Education. He is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to Albion Lodge, F. and A. M., Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Orleans County Medical Society, New York State Medical Society, and American Medical Association. His wife was born at Albion, and died in 1899. To Doctor and Mrs. Sutton were born three children: 1. John E., Jr., M. D., is a successful surgeon in New York City. 2. Henry Bruner, the subject of this sketch. 3. Janet Marie, married Kenyon P. Flagg, United States Army, stationed in Honolulu.

Henry Bruner Sutton acquired his early education in the public schools of Albion and received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts





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and Doctor of Medicine at Cornell University in 1916 and 1921, respectively. During 1916-17 he taught human anatomy at Cornell University, and from 1921 until 1923 was interne at the New York Hospital in New York City, after which he became associated in practice with Dr. M. B. Tinker at Ithaca. Since 1928 Doctor Sutton has engaged in private practice in the city. He holds membership in the Tompkins County and New York State Medical Societies, and American Medical Association, New York State Society of Industrial Surgery, and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is attending surgeon to the Ithaca Memorial Hospital; consulting surgeon, Tioga General Hospital, Waverly, New York, former president of the Ithaca Memorial Hospital staff, and now a trustee of the hospital. He also was a former director of the Reconstruction Home for Infantile Paralysis, and is president of the Ithaca Tuberculosis Association, and chairman of the Board of Directors of Tompkins County Laboratory.

On August 27, 1925, Doctor Sutton was united in marriage with Miss Mary Warringer, a native of Tivoli, Dutchess County, New York, and a graduate of the New York Hospital School of Nursing, class of 1918. She was a resident of New York City at the time of her marriage. Doctor and Mrs. Sutton have no children.

Politically, Doctor Sutton is independent. He holds membership in Hobasco Lodge, No. 716, F. and A. M., Masonic Club, Exchange Club, Cornell Club of Ithaca, Ithaca Country Club, Ithaca Automobile Club, Chamber of Commerce, Sigma Nu, Nu Sigma Nu, and Alpha Omega Alpha fraternities. He and his wife are active members of the Episcopal Church. They live on Sunset Drive, Cayuga Heights Road, Ithaca.

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**Charles J. Kenerson**, who is treasurer of the Morse Chain Company, Inc., is one of Ithaca's most dependable and best known citizens. He was born in Somerville, Mass., September 16, 1888, the son of Harry S. and Carrie (Stone) Kenerson.

Harry S. Kenerson, who died in 1917, was a native of Chelsea, Massachusetts. He was reared and educated in Massachusetts and was associated later in business with his father in Boston as a merchant and hotel manager. In 1901 Mr. Kenerson located at Buffalo, New York, as manager of the restaurants of the Dailey Catering Company, who had the food concessions at the Pan-American Exposition. He later was connected with the Buffalo Street Railway Company. Mr. Kenerson was a Republican, a member of the Congregational Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His widow resides at Ithaca. To Mr. and Mrs. Kenerson were born four sons: 1. Harry, lives at Paris, Ontario. 2. Charles J., the subject of this sketch. 3. Albert S., lives at Doylestown, Pennsylvania. 4. Royal, lives at Orilla, Ontario.

The education of Charles J. Kenerson was received in the public schools of Boston and Buffalo and he began his business career with the Republic Metal Ware Company. Three years were spent in the company's factory and two years in office work. He then went to London, Ontario, with the Empire Manufacturing Company until 1917, at which time he returned to Buffalo as a cost accountant with the Bureau of Aircraft Production and assigned as plant accounting officer to the Thomas Morse Aircraft Company at Ithaca. In August, 1919, he became associated with the Morse Chain Company, Inc., as accountant and in 1922 became assistant treasurer. He has been treasurer of the company since 1931. The Kenerson family has resided in Ithaca since 1919.

In 1913 Mr. Kenerson was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Gill, of Buffalo. They are the parents of four sons: 1. Verner S., born in 1914, a graduate of Ithaca High School, class of 1932. 2. Charles H., born in 1916. 3. Donald S., born in 1920. 4. Robert L., born in 1922.

Politically Mr. Kenerson is a Republican. He is a trustee of the First Congregational Church and is affiliated with St. John's Lodge, No. 209, F. & A. M., Rotary Club, Ithaca Country Club, and Chamber of Commerce, being vice-president of the latter organization. He is a director of the Y. M. C. A., trustee of Ithaca



Memorial Hospital, and member of the Board of Education at Cayuga Heights. He also belongs to the National Association of Cost Accountants.

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**Roy C. Shurger**, who holds the position of manager for Swift & Company in Ithaca, is a dependable citizen of the community and a member of one of the old established families of Tompkins County. He was born at Ithaca, August 10, 1890, the son of Edgar J. and Addie L. (Whitlock) Shurger.

Edgar J. Shurger was born on a farm on West Hill near Ithaca. He attended the public schools and for a number of years was well known in this community as a painting contractor. He died in March, 1928, and is buried in Eastlawn Cemetery. His widow resides in Ithaca, where she was born. Mr. Shurger was a Republican and held membership in the Methodist Church. Their children were: 1. Roy C., the subject of this sketch. 2. Lois Anna, married Harry Jayne, lives at Etna, Tompkins County.

Edgar J. Shurger was the son of Benjamin Shurger, a native of Ithaca, who served throughout the Civil War. Addie L. (Whitlock) Shurger's father was George Whitlock. The Shurger family is of Holland Dutch origin. Two brothers came to this country in 1769 and settled in New York. Charles Shurger, cousin of Edgar J. Shurger, was chaplain of the National Grand Army of the Republic. He died in 1929 and is buried at Union Springs, New York. He also spent his entire life at Portland Point, near Ithaca, where the family had originally settled.

Roy C. Shurger is a graduate of the grade schools of Ithaca and attended Ithaca High School. From 1905 until 1910 he was employed on the Steamer Col. J. H. Horton, under Captain John J. Brown, who died in the latter year. In 1914 Mr. Shurger purchased the boat on which he formerly sailed and was captain of that ship until 1919, when he sold his interest to the Cayuga Lake Cottage Association. Mr. Shurger then entered the employ of Swift & Company and served in the capacity of salesman until August, 1925, at which time he was appointed manager.

In 1910 Mr. Shurger married Miss Sarah Jane Fuller of Ithaca, the daughter of J. D. and Phoebe (Lindeberry) Fuller. The former was a native of Oneida County and died in 1927. The latter, born in Ithaca, died in 1900. Both are buried in Lake View Cemetery, Ithaca. Mr. and Mrs. Shurger have a son, Roy Fuller Shurger, born at Ithaca, May 17, 1911. He enlisted in the United States Army in March, 1928, and served until March, 1931. He is an expert swimmer and is a senior life saver of the United States Red Cross, also being cited by the Carnegie Institute for the rescue of a youth from drowning in Van Etten dam. He has also been responsible for the saving of several other lives. He has a son, Roy F., Jr., born in 1931. He resides in Ithaca.

Mr. Shurger is a Republican, a member of the First Methodist Church, and belongs to Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, F. and A. M.; Ithaca Lodge of Perfection; Binghamton Consistory, 32nd degree, and Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton. Like his son, Mr. Shurger is also an expert swimmer and has been awarded a medal by the United States Volunteer Life Saving Association.

The Shurger family owns a summer home at Buena Vista on Cayuga Lake.

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**Prof. Carl Crandall.**—Holding noteworthy rank in educational and engineering progress in Central New York, Prof. Carl Crandall is among Ithaca's most prominent citizens. He has been identified with the faculty of Cornell University since 1913, now being professor of Civil Engineering, and he has also been executive head of the Finger Lakes State Parks Commission since its foundation in 1924. His title in this latter position is Secretary-Engineer. He is also consulting engineer for the Genesee State Park Commission, and served as city engineer of Ithaca during 1923-26. Mr. Crandall was born at Ithaca, July 22, 1890, the son of Clayton and Imogene (Cook) Crandall.

Clayton Crandall is a widely known resident of Ithaca. He was born at Bridgewater, Oneida County, where he lived during the early part of his life. His father was Peter B. Crandall, who



served as a member of the Board of the old Ithaca Academy. Charles L. Crandall, brother of Clayton Crandall, served as a professor of civil engineering at Cornell University for more than forty years. Another brother, Kirk P. Crandall, was a graduate civil engineer, Hamilton College, and completed many foreign contracts in engineering. He later was city engineer of Ithaca. Clayton Crandall was a graduate of Ithaca Academy, and specialized in the study of chemistry at Cornell University, from which he received a degree in 1878. He lived in the west for some years. He now lives at the Crandall homestead on West Hill, Ithaca, New York. He was an alderman in the first Common Council of the city of Ithaca. His wife is a native of Tompkins County. Their children are: 1. Lynn, a graduate of Cornell University, Civil Engineering, class of 1910, is an irrigation engineer located at Idaho Falls, Idaho. 2. Carl, the subject of this sketch. 3. Howard, a graduate of Cornell University, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, class of 1911. He is engaged in farming with his father.

Carl Crandall attended the public schools of Ithaca and was graduated from Cornell University in 1912. He spent a year in graduate work in Civil Engineering, and during the past twenty years has been consulting engineer for many towns and villages in this section of the state. He is also a director of the Ithaca Savings & Loan Association.

In 1920 Mr. Crandall married Miss Edna L. Northrop, of the town of Lansing, New York, the daughter of Charles and Loretta (Manning) Northrop. The former was born at Ithaca and is now retired. The latter, a native of Detroit, Michigan, has been deceased for some years. Mr. and Mrs. Crandall have three children: 1. Peter, born in 1923. 2. Nancy A., born in 1924. 3. Susan, born in 1928.

Mr. Crandall is a Democrat and belongs to B. P. O. Elks, Sigma Xi Society, and Ithaca Chamber of Commerce. He is secretary of the Eastlawn Cemetery Association.

While a university student, Professor Crandall was editor-in-chief of "Civil Engineering." He was also active in college athletics, being a member of the track and cross-country teams.

**Uriah Utter** is among the dependable business men of Ithaca, where he is proprietor of the Ithaca Monumental Works, 601 West Green Street. He was born at Lyons, Wayne County, November 21, 1863, the son of George Henry and Mary (Slocum) Utter.

George Utter, who died in 1912, was a native of Lyons, New York. About 1870 he removed to Mexico, Oswego County, where he spent the remainder of his life as a farmer. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. His wife was born at North Huron, Wayne County, and died in 1865. They were the parents of two sons: 1. Uriah, the subject of this sketch. 2. John, who died in infancy.

Uriah Utter attended the district schools of Wayne and Oswego County and spent his boyhood on his father's farm. He later owned and operated a farm near Newark in Wayne County and engaged in the monumental business there until 1890. He later was in the same type of business at Owego, New York, until 1908, at which time he located in Ithaca with J. B. Story. Mr. Utter established his present business in 1914. He has an extensive trade and deals in all types of fine foreign and domestic granite.

In 1883 Mr. Utter was married to Miss Emma E. Drake, of New Haven, New York, the daughter of Anson L. and Elizabeth (DeGray) Drake. Mr. Drake, a native of Oswego County, died in 1927. During his life he was a resident of New Haven, Newark and Ithaca. He served throughout the Civil War. Elizabeth DeGray Drake, who died in 1906, was a native of Picton, Ontario, Canada. She was a descendant of Count DeGray, a native of France. To Mr. and Mrs. Drake were born thirteen children: 1. Emma E. Utter. 2. Anson H., lives at Chicago, Illinois. 3. Rachel, deceased. 4. Charles, who died in 1913. 5. George A., lives at Newark, New York. 6. David, deceased. 7. Willes, lives at Maple View, Oswego County, New York. 8. Florence, deceased. 9. Professor Frederick, former dean of music at Kingfisher College at Kingfisher, Oklahoma. 10. Carrie, deceased. 11. Frank E., lives at Los Angeles, California. 12. Burr, lives at Chicago. 13. Bertha, married Frank Sherwood, lives at Hazelton, Pennsylvania.



To Uriah and Emma E. (Drake) Utter were born three sons: 1. George L., born in 1884, funeral director, lives at Chicora, Pennsylvania. He married Miss Maude Cline, of Ridgeway, Pennsylvania, who died in 1922. They had three children: Grace who died in 1914; Marie E., lives at Chicora, Pennsylvania; and Ward, who died in 1920. 2. Charles L., born in 1888, lives at Waverly, New York. He married Miss Olive Russell, of Orwell, Pennsylvania. They had six children: Lillian, who died in 1909; Leo, born in 1912; Harold L., born in 1913; Helen, born in 1917; Marjorie, born in 1921; and Dorothy, born in 1925. 3. Frank H., born in 1904, attended Ithaca High School. He lives at home.

Politically Mr. Utter is a Republican. He is a member of the First Methodist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Junior Order United American Mechanics. His wife is a member of the Women's Benefit Association, Pioneer Club, and Ithaca Union of the W. C. T. U.

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**James F. McKinney**, who is secretary and treasurer of the John D. Kinney Company, Inc., is well known in the business life of Ithaca. He was born in this city, October 10, 1890, the son of James A. and Susan C. (Lott) McKinney.

James A. McKinney, deceased, was a representative citizen of Ithaca. He was born here and was a graduate of Ithaca Academy. In 1872 he was one of the founders of the Jamieson & McKinney Company, and continued as a partner in the business until 1906, at which time he purchased his partner's interest, the business at that time being incorporated as Jamieson-McKinney Company, Inc. Mr. McKinney continued as president of the concern until his death in 1926. He was a Republican and served as a member of the last common council of the village of Ithaca and on the first board of supervisors of the city. He was the second president of the Business Men's Association as well as a director of the Ithaca Savings Bank. Mr. McKinney was also a 32nd degree Mason and belonged to the Elks Lodge and Knights of Pythias. He was a member of the Episcopal Church. Susan C. (Lott) McKinney was born at Spencer, Tioga County, and died

in 1922. Mr. and Mrs. McKinney's only child was James F., the subject of this sketch.

James F. McKinney acquired his early education in the public schools of Ithaca and later attended Cornell University, where he received the degree of LL. B. in 1912. Mr. McKinney then spent two years in practice at Ithaca, afterward being associated in the plumbing and heating business with his father. He served as president of the company from the date of his father's death in 1926 until 1929, and in the latter year purchased an interest in the insurance business of J. D. Kinney. The business was later reorganized and incorporated with Mr. Kinney as president and Mr. McKinney as secretary and treasurer. He is also vice-president and director of the Jamieson-McKinney Company.

Mr. McKinney enlisted for service during the World War in September, 1917, and was sent to Washington, D. C., where he was connected with the construction department, Quartermaster's Corps. He was honorably discharged in January, 1919.

On August 14, 1915, Mr. McKinney was married at Lake George, to Miss Louise Cluett Bontecou, of Troy, New York, the daughter of Dr. R. B. and Lulu V. Bontecou. Dr. Bontecou was a practicing physician at Troy for many years and during the World War was commissioned as a Major in the Medical Corps, United States Army. He has continued as a member of the medical staff and at the present time is in charge of the United States Veterans' Bureau at Boston, Massachusetts. His father was Dr. ——— Bontecou, who served as a surgeon throughout the Civil War. Louise Cluett (Bontecou) McKinney is a graduate of Cornell University, Bachelor of Arts degree in 1914, and is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Mr. and Mrs. McKinney have two children: 1. Stuart B., born at Clifton Springs, February 10, 1919. 2. Susan J., born at Ithaca, November 25, 1925.

Mr. McKinney is a Republican, a member of the Episcopal Church, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Hobasco Lodge No. 716, F. and A. M.; B. P. O. Elks, No. 636; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Sigma Phi Epsilon and Delta Theta Phi fraternities; American Legion; Exchange Club; Chamber of Commerce; Ithaca Town and Gown Club; Ithaca Country Club and Ithaca Yacht Club.



**John B. Grace**, who is proprietor of the Grace Printing Company, 117 South Tioga Street, is among the dependable business men of Ithaca. He was born at Ithaca, August 24, 1885, the son of James and Mary (Troy) Grace.

James Grace was a native of County Clare, Ireland. At the age of twenty-one years he emigrated to this country and settled at Ithaca, where he spent many years as a foreman in the shops of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. He died in 1887. His widow was born at Spencer, N. Y., and lives at Ithaca. Their only child was John B., the subject of this sketch.

John B. Grace is a graduate of Ithaca High School and spent two years at Cornell University. He then became interested in newspaper work as a reporter on the Ithaca Journal. Two years later he worked on the Binghamton Herald and the Binghamton Republican, now the Sun, and subsequently became a court and legal reporter on the Syracuse Herald. He later worked for two years at the copy desk of the Philadelphia Ledger, after which he returned to Ithaca as city editor of the Ithaca Journal. He became owner of the "Ithacan," a county weekly newspaper, in 1917, which had formerly been owned and published by the Clapp estate. After a short time Mr. Grace sold the newspaper but maintained the printing plant where he now does commercial printing and publication work, making a specialty of technical printing.

On September 7, 1914, Mr. Grace was united in marriage with Miss Anna Fielden, of Ithaca, a graduate of Cornell University, class of 1910. Since her graduation from the University she has been manager of the Residential Halls at Cornell. She is the daughter of Henry and Jane Elizabeth (Beatty) Fielden, the former a native of England and the latter of New York. They are residents of Telford, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Grace have no children.

Mr. Grace is a Republican, and belongs to the Elks Lodge. He is an active member of the Ithaca Yacht Club, and is an ardent yachtsman.

Mr. and Mrs. Grace live on the East shore of Cayuga Lake.

**James E. Matthews.**—One of the popular young city officials of Ithaca is James E. Matthews, who is serving as city clerk. He was born at Brooklyn, New York, February 27, 1894, the son of Harry P. and Lulu (Smith) Matthews.

Harry P. Matthews lives retired at Ithaca. He was born in Kings County, New York, and for a number of years was identified with the dry goods business of A. D. Matthews & Son, at Brooklyn, New York. He retired in 1918 and until 1930 was a resident of Long Island. He has since lived at 122 West Court Street. His wife is a native of Orange County. Mr. Matthews is a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and Masonic Lodge. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Matthews: 1. James E., the subject of this sketch. 2. Alice, married Merlyn Terry, lives at Ithaca. 3. Meryl L., who died by accident in 1919.

The boyhood of James E. Matthews was spent in Brooklyn, New York, and he was graduated from Erasmus Hall High School in 1913. He received the degree of M. E. from Cornell University in 1917, and immediately became identified with the Thomas-Morse Air Craft Corporation as production engineer. In 1919 Mr. Matthews together with Mr. Thomas and Mr. Marchew organized the Thomas-Marchew Company, which developed and manufactured calculating machines. The business was dissolved, however, after two years, and Mr. Matthews then became interested in the general insurance business. In 1924 he was appointed desk sergeant of the Ithaca police department. On April 1, 1925, he became deputy city clerk and upon the death of Mr. Kerr, May 2, 1930, Mr. Matthews succeeded him as city clerk.

On June 18, 1921, Mr. Matthews was united in marriage with Miss Eleanor Evans, of Ithaca, the daughter of Alonzo and Alice (Davenport) Evans. Both were born in Ithaca. Mr. Evans is retired. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews have two children: 1. Alice Lucille, born in 1923. 2. James E., Jr., born in 1928.

Politically, Mr. Matthews is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to Hobasco Lodge, F. & A. M., Exchange Club, Ithaca Country Club, Cornell Club, and Theta Chi fraternity. He also is a trustee of Ithaca Memorial Hospital and secretary. His wife is a member of the Women's Club of Ithaca.



**Eugene Baker, M. D.**—Outstanding in medical circles in Central New York for a period of over fifty years is Dr. Eugene Baker, of Ithaca, with offices at 110 West Seneca Street. He was born at North Hampton, Fulton County, New York, April 16, 1853, the son of Daniel and Sarah Jane (Gifford) Baker.

Daniel Baker was a native of Fulton County, New York, and died September 2, 1889. His wife died June 5, 1891. He was a farmer and later lived at Dryden, Tompkins County. Mr. Baker was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. There were six children in the Baker family, as follows: 1. Charles S., who died in the service during the Civil War. 2. Oscar C., who died in 1917. 3. John B., who died October 25, 1920. 4. Eugene, the subject of this sketch. 5. Emma, the widow of Ambrose Atwater, lives at Asbury, Tompkins County. 6. George W., lives at Greenwich, New York.

The early education of Eugene Baker was received in the district schools of Tompkins County and at the Ithaca Academy. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Cornell University, and then was principal of schools at Farmersville, New York, for a short time before taking up the study of medicine at the University of Michigan, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1882, being class president. Doctor Baker began his professional career at Mecklenburg, Schuyler County, New York, and remained there for two years. He then established his practice at Ithaca, where he has been most successful. Doctor Baker has also served as a member of the faculty, College of Medicine, Cornell University, as a professor in obstetrics. He is an active member of the Tompkins County, New York State, and American Medical Associations, and for a number of years was a trustee of Ithaca Memorial Hospital. He also has served as health officer.

Doctor Baker was married (first) on September 19, 1889, to Miss Mary Louisa Colling, who died July 28, 1897. She is buried in Utica, New York. She was the daughter of Alfred H. and Maria (Blackett) Colling, natives of Utica. To Dr. Eugene and Mary Louise (Colling) Baker was born a daughter, Louise Eugenia, born July 28, 1894. She is a graduate of Ithaca High

School and Cornell University, and until her marriage engaged in social welfare work on Long Island, New York. She married Francis G. Short, and lives at Palo Alto, California. They have a son, Francis Eugene.

Doctor Baker married (second) on July 6, 1908, at Worcester, Massachusetts, Miss Caroline P. Pierce, of Worcester, the daughter of James Austin and Caroline (Castner) Pierce. Doctor and Mrs. Baker have no children of their own, but have reared and educated Delos L. VanDine, who is now interested in the sugar business in Cuba. He is a graduate of Cornell University. They have also been guardians of the three Clapp children: 1. Mary E. Clapp, spent two years at Cornell University and is a graduate of Columbia University, where she specialized in the study of journalism. She is now assistant editor of the International Encyclopedia of New York. 2. Ruth E. Clapp, a graduate of Cornell University, married James Reeves. 3. Louis H. Clapp, attends Cornell University.

Doctor Baker is a Republican and served as an alderman of Ithaca, is a member of the Congregational Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. The family residence is at 110 West Seneca Street and Doctor Baker also owns a fine farm of 216 acres on Cornell Heights, which is well improved, and to which he devotes his leisure time and interest.

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**William Knapp Payne.**—As a man of excellent judgment and fine business efficiency, William Knapp Payne, attorney, is prominent as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Auburn-Cayuga National Bank and Trust Co. He was born in Auburn, June 3, 1874, the son of Hon. Sereno Elisha and Gertrude (Knapp) Payne.

A complete biography of Hon. Sereno Elisha Payne appears elsewhere in this history.

The early education of William Knapp Payne was received in the public schools of Auburn, and following his graduation from Auburn High School in 1891 he attended Yale University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1895. He subsequently studied law at New York Law School, being admit-



ted to the bar in 1898. From 1898 until 1909 Mr. Payne engaged in private practice in Auburn. From 1909 to 1917 he maintained his office in New York. He had been clerk of the Committee on Ways and Means, United States House of Representatives, in Washington, D. C., during 1905-09, and in the latter year was appointed assistant United States Attorney General, in which capacity he served until 1912. In 1916 and 1917 he had work in Auburn requiring constant attention so he returned here permanently. Mr. Payne's business career has been as interesting and outstanding as his professional status. From 1917 until 1930 he was president of the Cayuga County National Bank, and since 1931 he has been chairman of the Board of Directors of the consolidated institution, the Auburn-Cayuga National Bank and Trust Co. Mr. Payne is also vice-president and director of the Nye & Wait Kilmarnoch Corporation; director of the Crouse & Pope Foundry Company; director of the Robinson-Bynon Shoe Company; and director of the Savings & Loan Association of Auburn. He was president during 1929-30 of the New York State Bankers Association. He also belongs to the American Bankers Association, and is a member of the Executive Council and the Agricultural Commission. He is a member of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce and has served as president of that organization. Mr. Payne was the author in 1908 of "Notes on Tariff Revision," and in 1909 was editor of "Tariff Hearings." During the World War he served as chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee for Cayuga County. Interesting facts concerning his business and legal career are to be found in "Who's Who in America."

Mr. Payne is a Republican, a member of the Yale Club and University Club of New York, Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Owasco Country Club, and Rotary Club.

On June 8, 1904, Mr. Payne married Miss Frances McCutcheon Nye. They had a daughter, Molly Nye Payne, who died in infancy.

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**Hon. Sereno Elisha Payne.**—High achievement marked the career of Sereno E. Payne, of Auburn, who served for thirty years as a member of Congress as a representative of this district. He

was a leader in Republican politics and no higher tribute could be paid to his ability than the fact that he was close in the confidences of such presidents as McKinley and Taft. Mr. Payne died in Washington, D. C., December 11, 1914, and is buried in Auburn.

Sereno E. Payne was born at Hamilton, New York, June 26, 1843, the son of Hon. William Wallace and Betsy (Sears) Payne. The Payne family lived on a large estate near Sennett, Cayuga County, having removed there from Madison County, New York. During 1859-60 William Wallace Payne served in the Assembly as a representative of the Northern District of New York.

Sereno E. Payne attended the district schools and in 1860 was graduated from Auburn Academy. He then attended for one year Colgate Academy at Hamilton, which had been founded by a great uncle. He then attended and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of Rochester in 1864. In later years he had conferred on him the degree of LL. D. by both Rochester and Colgate Universities. After receiving his degree from Rochester in 1864 he read law in the offices of Cox & Avery, Auburn, being admitted to the New York State bar in 1866. During the following three years Mr. Payne remained in the offices of Cox & Avery, after which he formed a partnership with John T. M. Davie, under the firm name of Davie & Payne. In 1870 Mr. Davie became Surrogate and Mr. Payne then practiced alone until he entered Congress. Later, he was associated with John W. O'Brien. He was city clerk of Auburn during 1868-71, supervisor during 1871-72, district attorney during 1873-79, and president of the Auburn board of education during 1879-82. In 1882 Mr. Payne was elected to Congress and served in the 48th and 49th Congresses. Judge Nutting, who had been congressman to the 50th Congress, died, and Mr. Payne was selected to succeed him. He then was elected to serve in every Congress since that time and was re-elected to the 63rd Congress in November, 1914. His death occurred on December 11, 1914. The most notable work of Mr. Payne in Congress was perhaps the framing of the "Tariff Law," which had been drafted by Mr. Payne after many years of study. He served on many important committees but probably



the most important of all was the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee. He was also for some years chairman of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. In 1899 he was appointed a member of the American-British High Commission. He was twice elected chairman of the Republican State Convention of New York, and was a delegate to the Republican national conventions in 1892, 1896, 1900, 1904, 1908, and 1912. At the convention of 1900 he served as chairman of the Committee on Credentials.

The last partner in the law practice in Auburn with Mr. Payne was Paul R. Clark under the firm name of Payne & Clark.

Mr. Payne was a prominent member of the First Baptist Church, and held membership in the Auburn City Club and the Owasco Country Club.

Mr. Payne married Miss Gertrude Knapp, and William Knapp Payne, mentioned elsewhere in this work, was their only child. Mrs. Payne was the daughter of Oscar F. Knapp, who, in 1844, founded the Auburn Daily Advertiser. Later a son, Horace J. Knapp, was associated with his father in the enterprise, which later became Knapp, Peck & Thompson. Two other daughters in the Knapp family were Etta and Louise, both deceased. Louise was the wife of Rev. Plato T. Jones, of Auburn.

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**Art Stewart.**—One of the better known business men of Tompkins County is Art Stewart, who is identified with E. Stewart & Son, funeral directors, at Trumansburg. He was born here on November 25, 1880, the son of Erastus T. and Mary (Kerst) Stewart.

Erastus T. Stewart was born at Trumansburg and at an early age became associated in business with his father, George H. Stewart, who was the founder of the undertaking and furniture business which now bears his name. It was established in 1866. George H. Stewart continued as owner of the business until his death in 1887, at which time it was reorganized with Esastus T. Stewart as its manager. He died in 1926 and is buried at Trumansburg. Mr. Stewart was a Democrat. There were two sons

born to Erastus H. and Mary (Kerst) Stewart: 1. George H., lives at Trumansburg. 2. Art, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Stewart died in 1930.

Art Stewart obtained his education in the Trumansburg public schools and in 1911 was a graduate of the Renouard School of Embalming, New York City. At an early age he became associated with his father and in 1920 the business was reorganized as E. Stewart & Son. Mr. Stewart has an up-to-date funeral home and is recognized as the leading funeral director of the county.

On July 10, 1921, Mr. Stewart married Miss Hilda Stanford, of Trumansburg, the daughter of LeRoy and Emma (Miller) Stanford, natives of Massachusetts and New York, respectively. Mrs. Stewart attended the public schools of Cherokee, Iowa, attended the University of California for three years, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Cornell University. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have two children: 1. Robert Stanford, born February 23, 1926. 2. Eleanor May, born November 25, 1929.

Mr. Stewart is a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Rotary Club. He is a member of the New York State Funeral Directors Association and the New York State Embalmers Association.

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**Commander Thomas Mott Osborne.**—Perhaps one of the most widely known men of Auburn, especially prominent for his tireless efforts for prison reform, was Thomas Mott Osborne, who died in this city, October 20, 1926. He is buried in Fort Hill Cemetery. Mr. Osborne was born at Auburn, in 1859.

Following his graduation in 1884 from Harvard University, Thomas Mott Osborne became associated with the interests of D. M. Osborne & Company, harvesting implement manufacturers, of Auburn. The business had been established by his father who served as its president for many years. After sixteen years in the field of business, Thomas Mott Osborne took up prison reform and at that time entered Auburn Prison as a convict in order that he might study prison routine and life. He was known as "Tom





THOMAS MOTT OSBORNE





Brown," and his interesting experiences were recorded by him in his widely read publication, which was known as "Within Prison Walls." During 1913-14 he was chairman of the New York State Commission on Prison Reform, and in 1915-16 served as warden of Sing Sing Prison. He succeeded in introducing self-government among the prisoners and instituted the Mutual Welfare League, an organization to aid prison administration. It was always the firm belief of Mr. Osborne that it was possible to build up self-respect among law breakers and help them to become good citizens. He was also the author of "Prisons and Common Sense." During 1917-20 he was commanding officer of United States Naval Prison, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

At the time of his death in 1926 Mr. Osborne was active in the business affairs of Auburn as president of the Auburn Publishing Company.

In 1907-08-09 Mr. Osborne served as Public Service Commissioner for the State of New York, being appointed by Governor Hughes. In 1902-04-05 he served as mayor of Auburn.

Mr. Osborne married Miss Agnes Devens, of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Their children were: David, Charles Lithgow, and Robert.

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**Capt. Charles Devens Osborne.**—A veteran of the World War, Charles Devens Osborne is among the most able business executives of Auburn, where he is identified with the Auburn Publishing Company as president and general manager, president of the Advertiser-Journal, Inc., director of the Auburn Trust Company, director of the Columbian Rope Company, and director of the Auburn Iron Company. He has also been a progressive community leader and during 1928-32 served as mayor of Auburn.

Charles Devens Osborne was born at Auburn, November 22, 1888, the son of Thomas Mott and Agnes (Devens) Osborne. A complete sketch of Thomas Mott Osborne appears elsewhere in this history.

After his graduation from the Auburn public schools, Charles Devens Osborne attended Adirondack-Florida School. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Harvard University in

1910, and began his newspaper career as editor of the Auburn Citizen in 1913. Two years later he became business manager of that publication, and in 1916 assumed the duties of vice-president and general manager. Since 1926 Mr. Osborne has been identified with the Auburn Publishing Company as president and general manager. They are owners and publishers of the Citizen-Advertiser, Auburn's only daily newspaper.

In 1916 Mr. Osborne served as a member of the Third New York Infantry, National Guard, and saw service on the Mexican border. During the World War he enlisted and served in France with the 307th Machine Gun Battalion, 27th Division, A. E. F. He participated in such important engagements as the St. Mihiel offensive, Limey defensive, and Meuse-Argonne offensive. He now holds the commission of captain in the New York National Guard. He also holds the same commission in the United States Officers Reserve Corps.

In April, 1932, he was appointed a member of the New York State Temporary Emergency Relief Administration, the commission of three having the administration of all relief funds for the State.

In 1913 Mr. Osborne married Miss Edith Wendell, of Boston, Massachusetts. Their only child is Agnes Devens.

Politically, Mr. Osborne is a Democrat. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and has the following club and lodge affiliations: Harvard Club of New York City; Somerset Club of Boston; Tennis and Racquet Club of Boston; Owasco Country Club; Auburn Country Club; Rotary Club; Masonic Lodge; charter member and past treasurer American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; trustee of the Historical Society of Cayuga County; trustee of Seymour Library, and trustee of Fort Hill Cemetery Association. He is past president New York State Associated Dailies.

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**Charles B. Holton.**—Among the enterprising and successful young business men of Tompkins County is Charles B. Holton, who is proprietor of Holton's Pharmacy at Trumansburg, and he is also a veteran of the World War. He was born at Trumans-



burg, July 14, 1893, the son of Isaac and Florence (Buckley) Holton.

Isaac Holton was a native of Newton, New Jersey, and for several years engaged in the drug business at that place. In 1882 he located at Trumansburg, where he purchased the business of a Mr. Hill in the drug firm of Horton & Hill. Upon the death of Mr. Horton in 1908 Mr. Holton became sole owner of the enterprise. He died in 1917 and his wife, who was born at Middletown, New York, died in 1905. Both are buried at Trumansburg. Mr. Holton was a Republican and served as village trustee. He was one of the organizers and a director of the State Bank of Trumansburg. He and his wife were active members of the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Holton were born three children: 1. Charles B., the subject of this sketch. 2. Harry, deceased. 3. Mrs. Willard Georgia, lives at Rochester, New York.

Charles B. Holton was reared and educated at Trumansburg, and located at Rochester, New York, for two years after his graduation from high school, being identified with the American Express Company. He also was graduated from Rochester Business Institute, and received the degree of Ph. G. at the University of Buffalo in 1916. He immediately returned to Trumansburg. Mr. Holton enlisted for service in the World War in September, 1917, being commissioned as a second lieutenant in December, 1918, and was honorably discharged in December, 1918. He held a commission in the O. R. C. for several years after the war. After the close of the war he returned to Trumansburg and was identified with the Holton Pharmacy. It is the leading drug store in the community and Mr. Holton is a dealer in high grade merchandise, besides being a reputable prescription specialist. He has a well established business. Mr. Holton is also a director of the First National Bank.

On June 10, 1922, Mr. Holton was united in marriage with Miss Mabel Edwards, of Elmira, New York, the daughter of Ernest C. and Fannie (Palmer) Edwards. Mrs. Holton is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and attended Elmira College. To Mr. and Mrs. Holton has been born a son, C. Buckley, born January 3, 1925.

Mr. Holton is a Republican and served as mayor of Trumansburg during 1921-22. He is adjutant of the local post, American Legion, and has served as commander. His lodge affiliations are: Trumansburg Lodge No. 157, F. and A. M. Fidelity Chapter No. 77, R. A. M.; Rotary Club, vice-president and charter member; Ithaca Country Club; and Beta Phi Sigma fraternity.

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**Walter B. Gale.**—Outstanding among the representative business men of Tompkins County is Walter B. Gale, who is president of the First National Bank of Groton. He was born there, January 31, 1879, the son of Manley P. and Mary (Backus) Gale.

Manley P. Gale lived at Groton throughout his life. He was a carriage maker by trade. Mr. Gale was a Republican and held numerous local public offices. He died in 1904 and his wife, also born at Groton, died in 1925. They are buried at Groton. To Mr. and Mrs. Gale were born two children: 1. Ella, who died in 1929, was a teacher for many years at Cortland Normal School and served as school commissioner at Groton. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. 2. Walter B., the subject of this sketch.

Walter B. Gale acquired a public school education at Groton, and as a boy was employed in the Groton Carriage Company for three years. He then clerked in a drug store and entered the service of the First National Bank in 1899 as a clerk. He became assistant cashier in 1900 and cashier two years later. In 1931 he succeeded to the presidency upon the death of F. C. Atwood. Mr. Gale is also the owner of the old Gale homestead, which was settled by his grandfather, William Gale. It contains 150 acres of land and is one of the fine farms of this section.

On December 13, 1893, Mr. Gale was united in marriage with Miss Inez Mason, of Groton, the daughter of Daniel and Mary (Lintz) Mason. Both are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Gale were born three children: 1. Manley M., born in 1896, a graduate of Groton High School, and Cornell University, degree of Bachelor of Science. He married Miss Beryl Childs, of Groton, and they have two children, Claire C. and Walter C. Gale. Manley M. Gale



is cashier of the First National Bank of Groton. He served in France during the World War and is a member of the American Legion. 2. Mary J., born in 1898, a graduate of Groton High School and Vassar College, degree of Bachelor of Arts. She is a teacher of mathematics at Cortland High School. 3. Mildred E., born in 1903, a graduate of Groton High School and Wellesley College, degree of Bachelor of Arts. She is a teacher of French at Cortland High School.

In politics Mr. Gale is identified with the Republican party, and he has held the offices of village trustee and school director. He is a member of the Baptist Church and is affiliated with Groton Lodge, F. and A. M., Moravia Chapter, and Cortland Commandery. His wife belongs to the Eastern Star and is Past Worthy Matron. He also holds membership in the Cortland Country Club, and Groton Rod and Gun Club.

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**Theodore Willard Case.**—Few men are more prominent in science today than Theodore Willard Case, who is president of the Case Research Laboratory, Inc., of Auburn. He was born in this city, December 12, 1888, the son of Willard E. and Eva (Caldwell) Case.

Theodore Willard Case is a graduate of Cloyne House School, Newport, Rhode Island, St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, and in 1912 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Yale University. In 1918 he was awarded the honorary degree of Master of Science at George Washington University. During the World War Mr. Case engaged in research work for the Navy Department in their experimental station at New London, Conn. He has been interested in the development and perfecting of a system for invisible light signalling and telephony, this type of work later resulting in the development of "movietone".

Mr. Case has published the following works of a scientific nature: "Preliminary Notes on a New Way of Converting Light into Electrical Energy," which was read before the New York Electrical Society, June 14, 1916; "Notes on the Change of Resistance of Certain Substances in Light," published in the Physical

Review, Vol. 9, April, 1917; "A Cuprous Oxide Photo-Chemical Cell," presented at the meeting of the American Electro-chemical Society, May 2, 1917; "Thalofide Cell, a New Photo-Electric Substance," published in Physical Review, Vol. 15, April, 1920; "A Photo-Electric Effect in Audion Bulbs of Oxide Coated Filament Type," presented at a meeting of the American Electro-Chemical Society, April 21, 1921; "The Effect of a Photo-Electric Material on the Thermo Electric Current in High Vacuum Audion Bulbs," published in the Journal of the Optical Society of America, Vol. 6, August, 1922; "Infra Red Telegraphy and Telephony," published in the Journal of the Optical Society of America, Vol. 6, 1922; "New Advances Made in Talking Movies," published in the Yale Scientific Magazine, Vol. 1, May, 1927.

Mr. Case is a prominent member of the following organizations: American Association for Advancement of Science; American Physical Society; American Chemical Society; Optical Society of America; Royal Society of Arts, London, England; American Museum of Natural History; National Geographic Society; Metropolitan Club of New York City; Yale Club of New York City; Owasco County Club; Cayuga County Sportsmen's Association; Isaak Walton League of America; and Auburn Chamber of Commerce. He is a Republican and a member of the Episcopal Church.

On November 26, 1918, Mr. Case married Miss Alice Gertrude Eldred. Their children are: Theodore Willard, Jr., Barbara Eldred, Jane Frances Fitch and John Pettibone.

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**Hon. Walter E. Woodin.**—Descended from a very old and honored family of Cayuga County, the career of Judge Walter E. Woodin has long been identified with Auburn and he has served as Surrogate Judge for more than thirty years. He was born in this city, September 13, 1871, the son of Hon. Edwin A. and Ella A. (Searls) Woodin.

Edwin A. Woodin was born in Cayuga County. He had the distinction of serving as the first city judge under the present city charter, and he was an able lawyer of his time. He died in



1886. Mr. Woodin was a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. His wife was born at Weedsport, New York, and died in February, 1930. Both are buried in Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn. Their children were: 1. Walter E., the subject of this sketch. 2. Edna W., the widow of Dr. Ledra Heazlit, lives at Auburn. 3. Charles, deceased.

Edwin A. Woodin was the son of Hon. William B. Woodin. He was a native of Cayuga County and was also a lawyer, having served for two terms as Surrogate Judge of Cayuga County and as State Senator from this district. Ella A. (Searls) Woodin was the daughter of Rev. William and Catherine (Spindler) Searls, the former a native of New York and the latter of Germany. Reverend Searls was a minister of the Methodist Church, and served as chaplain of Auburn State Prison for sixteen years. Both he and his wife are buried in Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn.

Walter E. Woodin attended the public schools of Auburn, but left school at fifteen years to become an office boy in the employ of the D. M. Osborne Company. He studied shorthand and stenography and during 1890-91 was a stenographer for the National Cordage Company, of Chicago. From 1891 until 1895 Mr. Woodin was associated with the McIntosh-Seymour Company, of Auburn, and in the latter year was appointed clerk in the Surrogate Court. While serving in that capacity he read law in the office of the late Judge George B. Turner and was admitted to the bar in 1898. He continued in the office of clerk until 1899, and during the following two years practiced law with Harry T. Dayton, as a member of the firm of Dayton & Woodin. In November, 1901, he was elected as Surrogate Judge of Cayuga County, and re-elected to that office in 1907, 1913, 1919, 1925, and 1931. Judge Woodin is also a director of the Auburn Trust Company.

In 1889 Judge Woodin married Miss Augusta Bell, daughter of Thomas J. and Helen I. (Ransier) Bell, natives of Cayuga County. Both are deceased and are buried in Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn. Judge and Mrs. Woodin have no children.

Politically, Judge Woodin is a Republican. He is affiliated with Auburn Lodge, F. and A. M. and B. P. O. Elks, No. 474, and

belongs to the Auburn Country Club. He is also identified with the Cayuga County Bar Association and Western New York Bar Association.

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**Lithgow Osborne.**—Standing high among the leading figures in the younger group of business men in Auburn, active in civic and community affairs, is Lithgow Osborne, who is vice-president of the Auburn Publishing Company, publishers of the *Citizen-Advertiser*. He is also a director of the Auburn National Bank and a director of the Eagle Truck Body and Mfg. Co., of Auburn. Mr. Osborne was born in this city, April 2, 1892, the son of Thomas Mott and Agnes (Devens) Osborne.

The early education of Lithgow Osborne was received in the public schools of Auburn, and he is a graduate of Adirondack-Florida School and Harvard University. After leaving college he became private secretary to James W. Gerard, then ambassador to Germany. Subsequently, Mr. Osborne entered the regular diplomatic service and was appointed third secretary of embassy at Berlin, where he served until the breach of diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States in 1917. He then was appointed secretary of legation at Havana, Cuba, and later served in the same capacity at Copenhagen, Denmark, where he was in charge of a press bureau reporting on German affairs to the State Department in Washington. At the conclusion of the World War, Mr. Osborne served with the American Peace Commission in Paris and for a year following was with the State Department in Washington. During 1921-22 he was assistant secretary-general of the Arms Limitation Conference in Washington. He also acted in a similar capacity for President Harding's Unemployment Conference, which was headed by the then Secretary of Commerce, Herbert Hoover. In 1922 Mr. Osborne resigned from governmental work and at that time returned to Auburn to become associated with his brother in the successful management of the Auburn Publishing Company.

Mr. Osborne is a Democrat and a member of the State Committee from Cayuga County. During 1930-31 he was a member



of the Finance Committee of the Mayor's Committee on Unemployment and Relief. He takes an active interest in the affairs of City and Mercy Hospitals, and is a trustee of the Cayuga Home for Children. He is also president of the Cayuga County Boy Scouts of America. He is past president of the Kiwanis Club, vice-commodore of Owasco Yacht Club, and is director and vice-president of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce.

In 1918 Mr. Osborne was united in marriage with Countess Lillie Raben-Levetzau, of Aalholm, Denmark. They have three sons: 1. Richard. 2. Lithgow Devens. 3. Frederik Raben-Levetzau.

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**Rev. Harry Lathrop Reed, D. D.**—One of the sterling and exemplary characters in the public life of Central New York is Reverend Harry Lathrop Reed, who is president of Auburn Theological Seminary. He is a native of Port Byron, New York, born December 15, 1867, the son of Reverend Albert Chester and Sarah M. (Merriman) Reed. Rev. Albert C. Reed was born in Albany, New York. He was graduated from Auburn Theological Seminary in 1863. Mrs. A. C. Reed was born at Elbridge, New York. Both are buried in Albany Rural Cemetery, Albany, New York.

Harry Lathrop Reed was graduated from Yale University in 1889. During 1889-1894 he was a teacher in a boys' preparatory school at Stamford, Connecticut and Elizabeth, New Jersey. He entered Auburn Theological Seminary in 1894, from which he was graduated in 1897. He was ordained to the ministry by the Congregational Council at Manchester, Vermont, in June of that year and from 1897 until 1903 he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, at Albany, Oregon. Doctor Reed in that year was called to Auburn Theological Seminary as assistant professor of New Testament Greek, and in 1909 became full professor. He has served as president of the Seminary since 1926. In 1910 Hamilton College conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Doctor Reed is a trustee of Wells College, Aurora, trustee of Seymour Public Library, Auburn, and member of the Society of Bible Literature and Exegesis. He is the author of the "Epistles to the

Corinthians" in collaboration with James S. Riggs, in 1922. President Reed also holds membership in the Yale Club of New York, University Club of New York City, Owasco Country Club, Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities.

On May 18, 1905, Doctor Reed was united in marriage with Miss Elise Maynard Otheman, of New York City. Their children are: 1. Frank Otheman. 2. Albert Chester, deceased. 3. Laura Chamberlain.

The biography of Doctor Reed may be found in "Who's Who in America."

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**Prof. William John Hinke.**—Identified with the Auburn Theological Seminary as librarian and professor of Semitic Languages, Doctor William John Hinke is perhaps one of the best known educators in this particular field of instruction in this section of the United States, and he is also nationally known as an author and translator. Doctor Hinke was born at Giershofen, Rhine Province, Germany, March 24, 1871, the son of William Henry Christian and Maria Louise (Haag) Hinke.

William John Hinke attended the Elberfeld Gymnasium during 1880-87, and in 1890 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Calvin College, Cleveland, Ohio. Three years later he received the Master of Arts degree from the same institution. He was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1906 by the University of Pennsylvania and in the same year the degree of Doctor of Divinity at Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio. During 1892-94 he studied in the Ursinus School of Theology at Collegeville, Pennsylvania, spent 1894-95 at Princeton Theological Seminary, and attended the graduate school of the University of Pennsylvania during 1900-06. Doctor Hinke had come to the United States in 1887 and became a naturalized citizen ten years later. He was a professor of Greek and Latin at Calvin College during 1890-92, instructor of German at Ursinus College during 1892-94, and during 1895-97 was an instructor of Hebrew at Ursinus School of Theology. From 1897 until 1907 he was a professor of Hebrew, language and literature, at the latter institu-



tion, and in 1907 came to Auburn as an assistant professor at Auburn Theological Seminary. He has been professor since 1909. He has also been librarian at the institution since 1923. In 1921-1922 Doctor Hinke was annual professor at the American School of Archaeology in Jerusalem.

Doctor Hinke holds membership in the following organizations: American Oriental Society; Archaeological Institute of America; American Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis; Presbyterian Historical Society; Pennsylvania German Society; American Society of Church History; Cayuga County Historical Society; Vorderasiatische Gesellschaft, of Berlin, Germany.

As author and writer, Doctor Hinke is widely known for the following publications: "Bibliography of Reformed Church in the United States," 1901; "A New Boundary Stone of Nebuchadnezzar I, from Nippur," 1907; "Selected Babylonian Kudurru Inscriptions," 1911; "Life and Letters of the Rev. John Philip Boehm," 1916; "History of Goshenhoppen Reformed Charge (1727-1833)", 1920; "History of the Tohickon Union Church (1745-1854)", 1925; editor and translator of "Minutes and Letters of the Coetus of Pennsylvania" (1747-1792), Philadelphia, 1903; General Biography Catalogue of Auburn Theological Seminary (1818-1918), 1918; "Latin Works of Huldreich Zwingli (Vol. II)", 1922; as well as a frequent contributor of many historical articles to magazines and church reviews.

On November 23, 1898, Doctor Hinke was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Agnes Berلمان, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Information in this biography of Doctor Hinke is copied from "Who's Who in America."

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**G. Earle Riley.**—As the able sheriff of Cayuga County, G. Earle Riley is a representative citizen of that community. He was born at Sennett, Cayuga County, September 18, 1895, the son of Frank J. and Grace L. (Townsend) Riley.

Frank J. Riley is a native of Sennett, where he lives. He was reared on the old Riley homestead in Cayuga County and engaged in farming for a number of years. He also was superintendent

of highways for sixteen years and supervisor of Sennett for eight years. In 1920 Mr. Riley was elected to his present position as secretary of the New York State Grange. He is Past Master of Sennett Grange, No. 1054; is affiliated with Sea & Field Lodge, No. 3, F. and A. M., No. 974, and holds membership in the Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican in politics and has served as school trustee. His wife is a member of the Order of Eastern Star. She was born at Hannibal, Oswego County. To Mr. and Mrs. Riley were born four sons: 1. Charles H., farmer, lives at Sennett. 2. G. Earle, the subject of this sketch. 3. Alva T., mail carrier, lives at Sennett. 4. Howard F., lives at Sennett.

G. Earle Riley attended the public schools of Sennett and is a graduate of the high school there. Since 1919 he has successfully managed the Riley homestead in partnership with his brother, Charles H. Riley, and they are recognized specialists in certified seeds. They also operate a Holstein dairy farm.

In 1918 Mr. Riley married Miss Evelyn Gunsalus, the daughter of Edward and Rose (Evans) Gunsalus, the former a native of Niles, Cayuga County, and the latter of England. They reside at Sennett. To Mr. and Mrs. Riley have been born two children: Eleanor B. and Eugene F.

Politically, Mr. Riley is a Republican. He received the appointment of under sheriff by Earl Morgan on January 1, 1928, and in November, 1930, was elected to the office of sheriff of Cayuga County, taking office January 1, 1931. His wife is matron. He is a member of Sennett Presbyterian Church, and belongs to Sea & Field Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 3-974, Amnar Grotto, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, United Commercial Travelers No. 267, Kiwanis Club, and Cato Golf Club. He is also Past Master of Sennett Grange No. 1054, and is active in the affairs of the Cayuga County Farm Bureau. He is secretary and treasurer of Prison City Dairyman's League and holds membership in the New York State Dairyman's League, Inc.

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**Maurice D. Richards.**—A highly qualified public official, Maurice D. Richards is widely known throughout Central New York as the treasurer of Cayuga County, which office he has been



elected to for four successive terms. He was born at Plainfield, Otsego County, New York, October 7, 1874, the son of Robert J. and Mary (Richards) Richards.

Robert J. Richards was a native of Wales. He came to this country with his parents at the age of eight years and the family settled at Plainfield, where they became prosperous farmers. Robert J. Richards also taught school for twenty-four years. He was a Republican and served as justice of the peace for Plainfield for forty years. He held membership in the Congregational Church and Masonic Lodge. Mr. Richards died in 1920 and his wife, born at Marsey, Oneida County, died in 1914. Both are buried at Unadilla Forks, Otsego County. Their children were: 1. John, deceased. 2. William, deceased. 3. Maurice D., the subject of this sketch. 4. Mary, deceased. 5. George, farmer, lives at Bridgewater, New York. 6. Henry, principal of Yonkers High School, New York. 7. Walter, deceased. 8. Anna, married George Huntley, lives at Warehouse Point, Connecticut.

Robert J. Richards was the son of Lawrence and Margaret (Jones) Richards. Mary (Richards) Richards was the daughter of Richard and Mary (Owens) Richards. All were natives of Wales and are buried in Unadilla Forks, New York.

As a boy, Maurice D. Richards attended school at West Winfield. After his graduation from high school he came to Auburn as assistant superintendent of the Metropolitan Insurance Company, in which capacity he served for fifteen years. He was elected assessor in 1908, re-elected in 1911, but resigned from office in 1913 to accept the appointment of city controller under Mayor Bristol. From 1915 until 1921 Mr. Richards was deputy county treasurer under Frank A. Eldredge and in the latter year was elected to office. He has always been a Republican in politics and served for ten years as chairman of the Cayuga County Republican Committee.

On January 22, 1901, Mr. Richards was united in marriage with Miss Mabel Holmes, daughter of Orange B. and Mary (Hadley) Holmes. Both Mr. and Mrs. Holmes were born at Winfield, Herkimer County, New York, and are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Richards have been born three daughters: 1. Mary, mar-

ried Floyd Ramsey, lives at Auburn, and they have a daughter, Mary. 2. Ruth H., married Austin G. Penchoen, lives at Auburn, and they have a daughter, Sarah. 3. Jean, who lives at home.

Mr. Richards and his family are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to St. Paul's Lodge F. and A. M. No. 124, B. P. O. Elks No. 474, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Hardenburg Lodge.

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**George Frederick Barford.**—Possessed of a vigorous personality, still in the prime of life, and experienced in teaching and in the directing of teachers, George F. Barford, superintendent of schools of Auburn, is giving to that city a wholesome and efficient educational administration. With one hand he has cut off unnecessary expenditures which have saved the city nearly \$100,000 on schools, and with the other he has so used the resources which remain as to increase teachers' salaries and effect an enlargement and enrichment of the whole school program.

George F. Barford was born at New Concord, Columbia County, New York, June 29, 1878, the son of John and Alice T. (Abriel) Barford.

His early education was received in the village school, and at twelve years he began the course in the ungraded schools at East Chatham. At twenty years he passed the State examinations, obtained a license to teach, and accepted a position in the Schilling District for a year, 1898-99. Thus enabled to continue his education, he returned to Chatham High School, from which he was graduated in 1900, and he then completed the classical course at Oneonta Normal School in 1903. For five years he was principal of the Union Springs High School in Cayuga County, when he then went in 1908 to Newark Valley, Tioga County, New York, where he remained until 1914. He was then principal of Hamilton High School until 1919.

Ambitious for further college work, Mr. Barford studied for and obtained the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Colgate University in 1921, in the meantime teaching there as student instructor in mathematics. Such faithful and persistent effort to fit himself



in the best possible fashion for his profession was rewarded by his appointment to the position of principal of Auburn Junior High School in 1921. Two years of devoted and successful work there brought on March 1, 1923, his election as acting superintendent of the Auburn schools and a little more than a year later, June 3, 1924, he was elected to the position of superintendent. With the same unflagging zeal and energy which marked his earlier professional career, Mr. Barford has put his best efforts into his present work. This has involved so delicate an adjustment of necessary and unnecessary expenditures as to enable him to improve the school system and at the same time materially decrease the tax rate. His success has been notable and has won the highest praise. The school program is liberal and modern, the salary scale compares favorably with that in other and larger cities, and the system operates smoothly and economically.

Mr. Barford is active in many lines in civic progress. He is a director of the Y. M. C. A., chairman of the committee on leadership and training of Boy Scouts of America, and an elder in the Second Presbyterian Church, as well as committee member on the group interested in nurses' training in the Auburn City Hospital, and is a member of the advisory board of the Salvation Army. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and is affiliated with Auburn Lodge, F. and A. M., Cyrus Chapter R. A. M. No. 50, Salem Towne Commandery K. T. No. 16, and Grand Council, Order De Molay, Auburn Chapter, and the Rotary Club of Auburn, of which he is vice-president.

On June 23, 1906, Mr. Barford was united in marriage with Miss Clarice J. Robedee, of Elbridge, New York, the daughter of William and Jane (Harrington) Robedee. She died July 13, 1923. Mrs. Barford was a graduate of Monroe Collegiate Institute and New York State Teachers College in 1903. She taught school at Rockville Center, New York, and Union Springs, New York, before her marriage. Later, she taught two years at Hamilton High School and one year in the grades at Auburn. She had just begun work at the Auburn Academic High School when she was obliged to discontinue teaching on account of ill health. She was a member of Onyx Chapter, Eastern Star, member of Newark

Valley Chapter, P. E. O., and active in church work as a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, where she was soloist. Mr. and Mrs. Barford's daughters are: Brenda Louise, born in 1910; and Clara Estelle, born in 1916.

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**Charles A. McCarthy.**—Honored, respected and esteemed in Auburn, is Charles A. McCarthy, one of the city's most prominent business men and civic leaders. He is president of the Dunn-McCarthy Shoe Company and first vice-president of the Cayuga County Savings Bank. Mr. McCarthy was born at Newport, New York, March 18, 1853, the son of Rev. William and Ruth E. (Allen) McCarthy.

Rev. William McCarthy, a native of Scotland, was a graduate of Edinburg University. He was a minister of the Baptist Church. Both he and his wife are buried in Michigan. They were the parents of ten children, only three of whom survive: 1. George E., lives at Hollywood, California. 2. Charles A., the subject of this sketch. 3. Mrs. Minnie E. Bennett, lives at Watkins, New York.

Charles A. McCarthy attended the public and high schools of Owego, New York, and at an early age engaged in the shoe business with his brother. Later, he became a traveling representative of Dunn & Salmon, shoe jobbers of Syracuse. This firm had contracts with the Auburn Prison for the manufacture of shoes on a large scale until in 1884, at which time the State passed a bill which did away with this practice of letting contracts. Mr. McCarthy had become a member of the firm in 1882 and four years later he and Mr. Dunn became interested in the manufacture of women's and children's shoes, with headquarters in Auburn. The Barber property on Washington Street was purchased by the company in 1889 and in that year the business was incorporated with Mr. Dunn as president and Mr. McCarthy as secretary-treasurer. Upon the death of Mr. Dunn in December, 1912, Mr. McCarthy succeeded to the presidency. The company is nationally known as manufacturers of the "Enna Jettick" shoe, which is recognized as the finest shoe sold at moderate price.





CHARLES A. MCCARTHY





Mr. McCarthy has always ranked first among the city's public spirited men and has been tireless in his efforts to better living conditions in Auburn. He was active in the promotion and building of the new Second Baptist Church and Auburn City Club. In 1914 he was chairman of the committee which raised successfully \$105,000 for the Auburn Theological Seminary. He also was chairman of the committee in 1923 which raised \$720,000 for the building of Auburn City Hospital, after the original drive had been placed at \$600,000. During the World War he was chairman of the Cayuga County Red Cross.

Mr. McCarthy has been honored with numerous offices of trust and confidence, having served as president of Auburn Theological Seminary, president of the board of trustees of Auburn City Hospital, former president of the Auburn City Club, and president of the board of trustees of the Second Presbyterian Church, and member of the firm of the William H. Seward & Company, bankers. He is affiliated with B. P. O. Elks, No. 474, Chamber of Commerce, Auburn Country Club, and Owasco Country Club. He has always been a Republican in politics.

Mr. McCarthy married Miss Minnie E. Woodhull, who died in Auburn in 1922. She was the daughter of Henry Isaac and Mary (Tyrell) Woodhull, of Utica, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy were born five children: 1. Lillian, deceased, was the wife of Herbert Robinson. 2. Brainard, deceased. 3. William, deceased, was the husband of Grace B. Jones. Their children were: Jane, Charles A., II, and Carol. They live at Weston, Massachusetts. 4. Mary, married Fred L. Emmerson, lives at Auburn. They have three children: William M., Fred L., Jr., and Elizabeth. 5. Isabel, married A. E. Bailey. They live in London, England.

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**Rev. Pietro G. Moia**, who is widely and favorably known in Auburn as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, has been identified with this community for more than twenty years and is highly esteemed. He is a native of Italy, born at Torino, October 1, 1885, the son of Carlo and Caterina (Alice) Moia.

Carlo Moia and his wife were natives of Italy, and died there in 1903 and 1924, respectively. He was the owner of a large flour mill and also engaged in the manufacture of iron and steel products. To Mr. and Mrs. Moia the following children were born: 1. Mary, lives at Auburn. 2. Pietro G., the subject of this sketch. 3. Bernadina, who died in Italy in 1918. 4. Guiseppi, manufacturer, lives at Torino. 5. Ida, lives at Auburn. 6. Carlo, deceased. 7. Domenico, deceased.

The early youth of Pietro G. Moia was spent in his native city of Torino, where he attended the public schools. In 1907 he was graduated from Metropolitan Seminary at St. Gaetano, and in the same year was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Agostino Richelmy, at Torino. Father Moia devoted three years to missionary work as a chaplain on ocean steamers carrying immigrants to South and North America. In October, 1910, he was given a charge as assistant pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, at Rochester. On September 7, 1911, he came to Auburn in his present capacity as pastor.

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**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Auburn.**—In February, 1905, a meeting of a number of Italian citizens of Auburn was called at St. Mary's rectory by the pastor, Rev. William Mulheron, who was deeply interested in the welfare of the Italian people in the city. The purpose of the meeting was to form plans for a church for the Italians of Auburn. The following were named on the committee: Joseph Ray, president; John Iacovino, treasurer; trustees, Rev. G. R. Fitzsimons and Alphonso Di Cristoforo. This committee solicited sufficient funds to buy two lots at 190 and 192 Clark Street, where the present church and rectory stand.

In the following year, 1906, a corporation was formed, to be known as St. Francis of Assisi Italian Roman Catholic Church, of Auburn. The officers elected were: Rev. G. R. Fitzsimons, pastor; trustees, Michael Giannino and Alphonso Di Cristoforo. In April, 1907, the Rev. John B. Robbotti was appointed as pastor to succeed Father Fitzsimons. In the same year the rectory was built at 192 Clark Street. In 1908 the construction of the new



church was begun. The architect was Frank Armstrong, and contractors were H. Hoover and Toney Mentillo.

On July 26, 1908, the auxiliary bishop of the Rochester diocese, Thomas F. Hickey, blessed the cornerstone. In the fall the church was open for services. At the same time a parochial school of four rooms was opened in the basement of the church under the direction of the Sisters of Mercy from the convent of the Holy Family Church.

On September 5, 1911, Father Peter G. Moia succeeded Father Robbotti as pastor. In 1913 two lots were purchased in back of the church for a parochial school if needed. In 1914 the house at 194 Clark Street was purchased to be used as a convent, and in 1915 the church bell, formerly owned by Plant No. 1 International Harvester Company, was blessed by Bishop Thomas L. Hickey. In the same year the small school was discontinued, owing to the crowded and sanitary conditions.

In 1923 the mortgage on the church debt was burned. The first assistant, Rev. Benedict Maselli, was appointed in 1925, and he was succeeded during the following year by the present assistant, Rev. Leo A. Jones.

In 1926 a new pipe organ was installed in the church; the church rectory was remodeled in 1929; in 1931 the Trinitarian Sisters came for catechetical work in the parish; and in 1931 two lots, formerly owned by the Bowen Products Corporation, opposite the church, were purchased.

Statistics for the parish during 1931 follow: Number of members, 4,261; families, 908; men, 1,209; women, 1,177; children under 16 years, 1,875; number of baptisms, 142; number of marriages, 32; and number of burials, 39.

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**Very Rev. John A. Conway.**—As pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church, Auburn, Reverend Conway stands among the representative and influential citizens of the community. He was born at Canandaigua, New York, February 27, 1876, the son of Christopher and Catherine (Fagan) Conway.

Christopher Conway was born in County Kings, Ireland, and his wife was a native of that place also. They came to the United States and were married in Brooklyn, New York, and later settled at Canandiagua, New York, where Mr. Conway spent many years as a landscape gardener on the Sonenberg estate. This is now owned by the United States Government and is the site of a hospital for war veterans. Mr. Conway died in 1899 and his wife died March 17, 1928. They are buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester. Mr. Conway was a Democrat and held membership in St. Mary's Catholic Church. There were three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Conway: 1. Mary, lives at Rochester. 2. Margaret, lives at Rochester. 3. John A., the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from the parochial schools of St. Mary's, John A. Conway attended Canandaigua Academy, and completed a course of study there in 1893. He was graduated in 1904 from St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, and ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, in June, 1904. In that year Father Conway was appointed assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in Rochester. Three years later he received an appointment as chaplain in the Elmira Reformatory, being the first priest in the State of New York to be appointed chaplain in a penal institution. Father Conway then was sent to Corning, New York, in July, 1913, to establish the parish of St. Vincent de Paul. During his ten years of service there, the success of Reverend Conway was outstanding. He then came to Auburn in July, 1923, as pastor of Holy Family Church. In 1932 Father Conway was appointed dean of the Auburn District by Bishop John Francis O'Hern.

Father Conway is prominent in the affairs of Auburn Council No. 207, Knights of Columbus. He also was a leading figure in all patriotic and civic features of the World War.

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**Holy Family Catholic Church**, of Auburn, is the cradle of Catholicity in this part of the State of New York. The first Catholic settlers in the city were John O'Connor, a man of means and



of much mental vigor, grandfather of Rev. John J. Hickey, former pastor of Holy Family Church, and Hugh Ward.

These early settlers arrived in 1810 and lived here for six years without seeing a priest, and then the Rt. Rev. Bishop Connelly, of New York, at their request and expense, sent them Rev. John Gorman, who journeyed from New York by stage in 1816. For a number of years after this first Mass was celebrated at the O'Connor home on Water Street, which stood next to the Watson homestead near the site of the Burtes auditorium. Catholics came from Geneva, Seneca Falls, Waterloo and Ithaca to worship in Auburn at the newly established parish. In 1820 Father Gorman came to Auburn and said Mass in the Court House, baptized children and performed other important ministrations.

There were few Catholics then living between Albany and Buffalo, and St. John's Church, at Utica, was built in the '20s to serve them. The first trustees were John and Nicholas Devereaux, of Utica, John O'Connor, of Auburn, Morris Hogan, of New Hartford, Oliver Weston, of Johnstown, Thomas McCarthy, of Syracuse, John McGuire, of Rochester, and Charles Carroll, of Genesee River. In 1825 Father Kelly came from Rochester and ministered to the wants of the few families.

In 1828 Reverend Doctor Farron came from Utica a few times to visit the Catholic pioneers of Auburn. A few months later Father McNamara dispensed his labors here. Then came Father Hayes from Salina, and he said Mass in the Court House. In 1829 Father O'Donaghue took up his residence in the village and purchased from the Methodists their abandoned meeting house which stood on the site of the former Holy Family school on Chapel Street.

The church was dedicated in September, 1830, under the name of the Church of the Holy Family, with John O'Connor, Hugh Ward, James Hickson, Thomas Hickson, and David Lawler as the first lay trustees. The Reverend Father O'Donaghue became the first resident pastor. Father Connolly was his successor and he was succeeded by Father Grace, who died here in 1844; Father Bradley came next; and Father Thomas O'Flaherty succeeded Father Bradley and remained here until 1856, when the Rev. Mar-

tin Kavanaugh came for one year. Rev. Michael Creedon succeeded the latter in 1857, and in 1861 Father Creedon built a beautiful edifice on North Street. He was succeeded by Rev. James McGlew, who remained pastor for two years when Reverend O'Flaherty became pastor for the second time. He remained until 1874 and was followed by Rev. Edward McGowan, who served the pastorate until 1877, when he was succeeded by Rev. William Seymour. The latter remained in charge of Holy Family Church until his death, which occurred in 1895. Father Seymour built the present residence and enlarged the Sisters of Mercy Convent. He was succeeded by Rev. John J. Hickey, who made many important improvements. Upon the death of Father Hickey he was succeeded by Reverend Gaffney, who was acting pastor of the church.

On July 8, 1923, Father John A. Conway was appointed pastor of Holy Family Church. Many instances of the work of Father Conway are evident today, and his school system especially stands out as one of the finest in this section of the state.

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**Rev. Jerome Holubowicz, O. M. C.**, who is pastor of St. Hyacinth's Catholic Church, 225 State Street, is active and progressive in the religious and educational life of Auburn. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born at Shamokin, Northumberland County, September 26, 1895, the son of Joseph and Agnes (Sieradzki) Holubowicz.

Joseph Holubowicz was born in Poland and died at Shamokin, Pennsylvania, in 1910. He became a citizen of the United States and spent many years in the coal mines of Pennsylvania, at the time of his death being a contract miner. He was a Democrat, and a prominent member of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Shamokin. His widow resides there and is a native of that city. To Mr. and Mrs. Holubowicz were born seven children: 1. Rose, married John Wasielewski, lives at Shamokin. 2. Nellie, married Benjamin Krepshaw, lives at Shamokin. 3. Jerome, the subject of this sketch, was baptized as Anthony. 4. Jerome, lives at Shamokin. 5. Margaret, married Joseph Zielinski, lives at Shamokin.



6. Jean, married Anthony Apollo, lives at Shamokin. 7. Florence, lives at Shamokin.

The early boyhood of Jerome Holubowicz was spent at Shamokin and he attended the parochial schools. In 1914 he was graduated from St. Francis College, Trenton, and during 1914-15 was in novitiate at Assumption Church in Syracuse. From September, 1915, until 1919 he was a student at St. Anthony's Seminary, Rensselaer, New York, and during 1919-22 attended the International Seraphic College in Rome, Italy, where he studied physiology and theology. Reverend Holubowicz was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Basilji Pompili, of Rome, on April 1, 1922, and on July 28th of that year was appointed assistant pastor of St. Hedwig's Church, Detroit, Michigan. He came to his present charge as pastor of St. Hyacinth's Church in Auburn on July 1, 1926. As mentioned in the history of the church, the improvements have been numerous under the pastorate of Father Holubowicz. He has been especially interested in the development of a fine school system and also erected a home for the sisters at a cost of \$45,000. The church has been redecorated and the rectory remodeled.

Rev. Julius Kozikowski, O. M. C., is assistant.

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**St. Hyacinth's Catholic Church, Auburn.**—It was in June, 1905, that Reverend Stanislaus Szupa was appointed as pastor of the Polish people in Auburn by Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D. D., Bishop of the Rochester diocese. About 125 families organized St. Hyacinth's parish and a group of prominent Polish men consisting of George Lawniczak, Frank Bialoszewski and Joseph Lubinski, went to the chancery in Rochester and requested that a priest be sent to Auburn.

In the early days the Polish citizens of Auburn worshipped at the old St. Alphonsus Church on Water Street. For two years Reverend Szupa lived at the St. Alphonsus rectory and Rev. Herbert Ragenbogen, pastor of the German church, did much to help the Poles in their efforts to establish their own parish. During these two years Reverend Szupa made a successful drive among

his people for a new edifice for his parishioners. This resulted in a meeting of the building committee at the parish house, May 7, 1906, with the following men present: George Lawniczak, Andrew Nowak, Joseph Lubinski, Frank Bialoszewski, Joseph Guzik, Frank Dolenga, John Binkowski, Ladislaus Lubiatowicz, and John Stopyra. The Meyer estate on Pulsifer Street was purchased as the site for the new building. Plans were promptly completed and work begun on the new building. The cornerstone was laid June 24, 1906, by Rt. Rev. Thomas Hickey, and the building was completed and opened March 10, 1907. The new parish with Reverend Szupa as pastor was slowly but surely progressing so that in 1907 there were 201 families belonging to the new parish. The school opened with Sister Euphemia as supervisor of twenty boys and thirty-one girls. Organizations were: Catholic Union with thirty-six members; Children of Mary with thirty members; St. Michael's Society with twenty-two members; and St. Canisius with thirty members.

In January, 1914, the new rectory and convent became realities, and after twenty years of hard and arduous work in the parish, Reverend Szupa was promoted to St. Stanislaus parish in Rochester in January, 1926. The Reverend Ladislaus, of Buffalo, then acting as assistant pastor, was appointed administrator and acted in that capacity until June 30, 1926.

On July 1, 1926, the Franciscan Fathers arrived in Auburn and took possession of the parish. Rev. Jerome Holubouyicz became pastor and Rev. Blaise Szymoszek was appointed assistant. Within the last five years much has been accomplished with the aid of a faithful parish. The new pastor immediately set about building better quarters for the school children. The church was also redecorated and made into a worthy place of worship. Perhaps the best achievement of the pastor was the erection of the beautiful St. Anthony convent, on Pulaski Street, for the nuns of the parish, who for many years had suffered the inconveniences of the little home of State Street.

Much has been done to better the morale of the church societies and sodalities. The Holy Rosary Sodality was reorganized and incorporated as such with a membership of 225. Children of



Mary has an enrollment of ninety-eight, the Y. M. C. has sixty members, and the Third Order of St. Francis numbers sixty-one members.

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**Chester J. Bills.**—A veteran of the World War, Chester J. Bills is widely and favorably known in Cayuga County as the efficient chief of police in Auburn. He was born in this city, March 25, 1893, the son of Claude Julius and Julia (Hoey) Bills.

Claude Julius Bills lives in Auburn, and is a native of this city. He is an engineer at the Auburn State Prison. Mr. Bills is a Democrat and has served as alderman for several terms. There are three children in the Bills family: 1. Iva, married Joseph Wildner, lives at Auburn. 2. Chester J., the subject of this sketch. 3. Beatrice, lives at home.

Claude Julius Bills is the son of Chester S. and Anna (Hawelka) Bills. The former, a native of Aurelius, Cayuga County, died in 1907. He served during the Civil war as a member of Battery A, Third New York Light Artillery, and was severely wounded in the Battle of Vicksburg, which was the direct cause of his death. His wife was born in Germany and died in 1930. Both are buried in Auburn. Chester S. Bills was the son of William Small and Elizabeth (Cool) Bills, natives of Cayuga County. William Small Bills had engaged for many years in the monument business in Auburn, which had been founded many years before by his father, Isaac Bills. The latter was one of Auburn's prominent pioneer business men and civic leaders. He married Elizabeth Angel.

Chester J. Bills, subject of this sketch, attended the Auburn public schools and for a time was employed by the International Harvester Company. In 1911 he enlisted in the United States Army as a member of Company M, Third Regiment, New York National Guard. He re-enlisted in 1914, and in 1916 saw service on the Mexican border. He again enlisted in 1917 and was mustered into the federal service as a member of Company M, One Hundred and Eighth Infantry, Twenty-seventh Division. He was later transferred to the supply company of the One Hundred and

Eighth Infantry, and served in France with that outfit. He was severely gassed and saw much active service at the front, being discharged with the rank of sergeant on March 31, 1919.

Upon his return to Auburn, Mr. Bills became a member of the Auburn police department. Later, he became superintendent of supplies at the Auburn State Prison, and on April 1, 1929, received the appointment of chief of police. He is a member of the Cayuga Club Police Association, New York State Association of Police Chiefs, International Association of Police Chiefs, International Police Conference Association, American Academy of Political and Social Science, and Advisory Council of Police Training.

On August 21, 1919, Mr. Bills was united in marriage with Miss Augusta Ann Wappler, daughter of Herman and Bertha Wappler, natives of Berlin and Keil, Germany, respectively. They live in Auburn. Mr. and Mrs. Bills have two daughters, Beverly Ann and Barbara Grace.

Mr. Bills is a Democrat, a member of B. P. O. Elks No. 474, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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**Jason L. Wiley, M. D.**—One of the prominent citizens and able surgeons of Auburn, Doctor Wiley is recognized throughout New York as an eminent specialist in the treatment of diseases of the eye. He was born at Cayuga, New York, January 29, 1884, the son of Horace S. and Urana (La Rowe) Wiley.

Horace S. Wiley and his wife were born at Aurelius, Cayuga County, members of prominent pioneer families. He engaged in the general nursery business for many years, specializing in the growing of fruit trees. The business was conducted as H. S. Wiley & Son. Mr. Wiley died in June, 1916. His widow still lives at Cayuga. He was a Republican and served as school trustee. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, being trustee and Sunday school superintendent for many years. There were seven children in the Wiley family: 1. Fred T., merchant, lives at Cayuga. 2. Mary E., married Frank Grover, lives at Rochester. 3. S. Scott, farmer, lives at Aurelius, New York. 4. Jason L., the subject of this sketch. 5. Lucina, married Rev. Wil-



liam C. Chamberlain, who is pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Auburn. 6. Mason, deceased. 7. Horace S., deceased.

Horace S. Wiley was the son of Horace and Lucille (Woodruff) Wiley, natives of Hudson River and Ithaca, respectively. They are buried at Cayuga. Urana (La Rowe) Wiley was the daughter of John C. and Mary (Sawyer) La Rowe. Both were natives of Cayuga County and are buried at Cayuga.

Jason L. Wiley grew up at Cayuga and in 1904 was graduated from the high school there. He then took graduate work at Syracuse High School, and in 1912 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Syracuse University. During the following year he was an interne in the House of the Good Shepherd and St. Luke's Hospitals, the former at Syracuse, and the latter at Utica. In 1914 Doctor Wiley engaged in private practice at Fairhaven, New York, and the following year removed to Minoa, New York. In the latter part of 1915 he attended Harvard Post Graduate School, and in 1916 studied at the Royal Victoria Hospital Clinic, in Montreal. His next location was as a specialist at Canandaigua, New York. In 1917 Doctor Wiley applied for a commission in the United States Medical Corps for service in the World War, but was rejected as not being physically fit for duty. He then did emergency and special medical work in Syracuse until the close of the war period. In 1919 Doctor Wiley came to Auburn to establish a private practice. During 1925 he took graduate work in Vienna, Austria, and in 1928-29 attended the Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania. Doctor Wiley is surgeon of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Division of Auburn City and Mercy Hospitals.

In December, 1914, Doctor Wiley was united in marriage with Miss Eva A. Moore, daughter of Robert and Cora (Elmer) Moore, the former a native of Picton, Ontario, Canada, and the latter of Cayuga, New York. He died in 1919 and is buried at Fairhaven, New York. His widow resides at North Fairhaven. To Doctor and Mrs. Wiley have been born three sons: J. LaRowe, Robert M., and S. Scott.

Politically, Doctor Wiley is a Republican. He is an active member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, and belongs to

Phi Beta Pi fraternity. He has been president of Cayuga County Medical Society, and holds membership in the New York State Medical Society, American Medical Association, and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

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**Rev. Albert J. Anthony, B. D., M. R. E.**—As dean of the School of Religious Education, Auburn Theological Seminary, Dean Anthony is perhaps one of the best known educators in Central New York. He was born at Warners, New York, September 9, 1894, the son of Dr. Albert George and Ada M. (Spaulding) Anthony.

Dr. Albert George Anthony, deceased, was a well known and successful physician and surgeon of Syracuse. He was born at Paris, Illinois, and was a graduate of the Cleveland Medical College. Doctor Anthony died in 1904 and is buried in Onondaga Valley Cemetery, Syracuse. He was a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. He also was identified with the Onondaga County Medical Society, of which he served as president, New York State Medical Society, and American Medical Association. Ada M. (Spaulding) Anthony was born at Warners, New York, and resides in Syracuse. Doctor and Mrs. Anthony had two sons: 1. Frederick H., deceased, was a medical student at the time of his death. 2. Albert J., the subject of this sketch.

Albert J. Anthony obtained his early education in the Syracuse public schools, being graduated from Central High School in 1913. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Syracuse University in 1917, and at the outbreak of the World War he received the commission of captain of infantry and was assigned to Company M, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Infantry, Thirty-fifth Division. He served overseas with that unit and attended an officers' school at Langres, France. He participated in the important engagements at the Somme, St. Mihiel, Argonne, and Verdun, and was discharged in May, 1919, at Camp Upton, New York. He immediately resumed his studies and in 1922 was graduated from Auburn Theological Seminary, being ordained in the Syracuse Presbytery in 1922. The first appointment of Mr. Anthony



was at the First Presbyterian Church, of Liverpool, New York, as pastor. Later he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Oswego. In 1927 he received the degree of M. R. E. at Auburn Theological Seminary. He also studied at Yale University in 1928, and in 1929 received his present appointment as dean of the School of Religious Education, Auburn Theological Seminary.

Dean Anthony is a director of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union; chairman of the Adult Advisory Section, Young Peoples Division of the New York State Council of Religious Education; member of the Educational Commission of the International Society of Christian Endeavor; president of the Cayuga County Council of Religious Education; chairman of the Recreation Commission for the City of Auburn; chairman of the program committee, Y. M. C. A. of Auburn; and chairman of the Leadership and Training committee, Cayuga County Council, Boy Scouts of America.

In 1922 Dean Anthony was united in marriage with Miss Julia Ann Martin, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Houghton) Martin, natives of Lima and Little Falls, New York, respectively. Mr. Martin is cashier of the National Bank of Lima. To Dean and Mrs. Anthony have been born two sons: Robert, born in 1923; and David, born in 1926.

Dean Anthony is a Republican, affiliated with Frontier City Lodge F. & A. M., of Oswego, and belongs to the American Legion, and Theta Alpha fraternity.

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**Major Benjamin C. Mead**, of the Cayuga County Bar, has had a wide and successful practice at Auburn for more than thirty years, and is active in the civic life of that community. He also has had an interesting military career, being a veteran of the World War. Major Mead was born at Fleming, Cayuga County, February 17, 1873, the son of J. Warren and Eliza (Clark) Mead.

J. Warren Mead was a native of Cayuga County, born at Genoa, and his wife was born at Fleming. He grew up on his father's farm and for a time was interested in farming. Later, he was appointed deputy sheriff and subsequently held the office

of sheriff of Cayuga County. He also was warden of Auburn State Prison for eight years. Mr. Mead was living retired at the time of his death in 1913. His wife died in 1901. Both are buried in Auburn. He was a Republican and held membership in the First Baptist Church. There were three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mead: 1. Benjamin C., the subject of this sketch. 2. J. Frederick, deceased. 3. Harry W., who is superintendent of schools at East Aurora, New York.

The early education of Benjamin C. Mead was received in the district schools of Cayuga County. After his graduation from Auburn High School in 1891 he entered Harvard University in 1892, from which he received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and LL. B. in 1896 and 1901, respectively. After his admission to the bar in 1901 Mr. Mead engaged in private practice in the city of Auburn. He has served as first assistant United States Attorney and also as acting United States attorney for the Northern District of New York.

In 1902 Mr. Mead enlisted as a private in Company M, Third New York Infantry. Through steady advancement in the ranks he became captain and served on the Mexican border in 1916-17 as captain of Company M, Third New York Infantry. At the outbreak of the World War he was called into federal service and sent first to Fort Niagara, New York, and later to Camp Wadsworth, where upon the re-organization of the Twenty-seventh Division, he was put in command of Company M, Fifty-fifth Pioneer Infantry. Later, he was appointed personnel adjutant of the regiment. He served overseas with that outfit and was discharged at Ft. Ontario, Oswego, July 14, 1919. He now holds the rank of major in the Judge Advocates Department, Reserve Corps, United States Army.

In 1905 Mr. Mead was united in marriage with Miss Adelaide Bourne, a graduate of Vassar College and member of Phi Beta Kappa honorary fraternity. She is the daughter of Dr. A. W. and Emma (Bardeen) Bourne, the former a native of Delaware County, New York, and the latter of Hamilton, New York. He is a retired minister of the Baptist Church, and resides with his family at East Aurora. To Mr. and Mrs. Mead have been born



seven children, as follows: 1. Elizabeth B., a graduate in 1924 of Auburn High School, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Keuka College in 1928, now a teacher at Newfane, New York. 2. Evangeline, deceased. 3. Florence, a graduate in 1927 of Auburn High School, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Keuka College in 1931, now a student at the School of Religious Education, Auburn Theological Seminary. 4. Benjamin C., Jr., a graduate of Auburn High School, attends Hamilton College, where he is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and member of the varsity basketball squad. 5. Emma, a graduate of Auburn High School, class of 1932. 6. Warren F., a student. 7. Margaret, a student.

Mr. Mead is a Republican, a deacon of the First Baptist Church, and is affiliated with Sea & Field Lodge, F. & A. M., New York State Society of the Order of the Founders & Patriots of America, Cayuga County Farm Bureau, and Disabled Emergency Officers Association of the World War. He is also past vice commander of American Legion Post No. 97. In 1931 Mr. Mead served as president of the Cayuga County Bar Association.

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**Perry B. Farrell.**—As president of the New York-Pennsylvania League of Professional Ball, Perry B. Farrell is recognized as one of the capable young business executives of Auburn. He was born in this city, August 11, 1894, the son of John H. Farrell.

The boyhood of Perry B. Farrell was spent in Auburn and he was graduated from Auburn High School in 1913. He was manager of the high school varsity baseball team and at an early age had manifested executive ability. He spent two years at the University of Pennsylvania, and during 1915-16 was assistant to his father, at that time president of the New York State League of Professional Ball. In January, 1917, Mr. Farrell enlisted in the French Ambulance Corps for service in the World War and was attached to the French Fourth Army. In the fall of that year he was transferred by order to the United States Army, but still remained on duty with the French forces. He participated in the engagements at Champagne, Verdun, and Cambria, and in July,

1918, was returned to the United States as a casualty. He was discharged from the service with the rank of sergeant in 1919, and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre for distinguished service at the front.

In 1921 he became assistant to his father, then serving as secretary and treasurer of the National Association of Professional Base Ball League. In 1922 he was one of the organizers of the New York-Pennsylvania Baseball League and became secretary and treasurer, the elder Mr. Farrell being elected president. After the latter's retirement in 1928 Perry B. Farrell assumed the duties of president, secretary and treasurer of the organization. The league has the following teams under its supervision: Elmira, New York; Binghamton, New York; Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania; Scranton, Pennsylvania; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Hazelton, Pennsylvania; Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and York, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Farrell is a Republican, a member of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, and belongs to the Elks Lodge, Knights of Columbus, Sigma Nu fraternity, and American Legion.

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**Fred W. DePuy**, who has served as superintendent of the Cayuga County Home since 1921, is perhaps one of the best known men in the community, where he has spent his entire life. He was born at Sennett, Cayuga County, January 2, 1868, the son of Isaac and Adelaide (Dwinell) DePuy.

Isaac DePuy was born at Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York, February 12, 1839. For a number of years he was a farmer and later spent thirty years as a traveling representative of the Massey-Harris Company, of Batavia, New York. At the time of his death, January 6, 1924, he was living retired. Mr. DePuy is buried at Sennett. Mrs. DePuy was a native of that town and died in 1917. Mr. DePuy was a Republican and held membership in the Baptist Church. There were two children in the DePuy family: 1. Bertha, the widow of William Service, lives at Sennett. 2. Fred W., the subject of this sketch.





FRED W. DePUY





Fred W. DePuy grew up at Sennett, where he attended the public schools. In 1887 he was graduated from Elbridge High School. He became interested in general farming at an early date and purchased fifty acres near the village of Sennett. He also rented several other farms, which he operated. In 1921 Mr. DePuy accepted the appointment of superintendent of the Cayuga County Home and his work with the institution has been most successful. He is assisted by his wife as matron.

On November 26, 1890, Mr. DePuy married Miss Grace E. Hill, daughter of Edwin and Marietta (Gorham) Hill, both deceased. They were natives of Cayuga and Onondaga County, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. DePuy's only child, Roy P., died at the age of twenty-one years.

Politically, Mr. DePuy is a Republican. He is an active member of the Baptist Church, and is affiliated with Skaneateles Lodge F. and A. M., No. 522; B. P. O. Elks, No. 474, and United Commercial Travelers.

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**Robert Johnson Burritt.**—Both as a member of the legal profession and as a citizen, Robert Johnson Burritt stands high in public esteem in Auburn, where he has engaged in practice for a number of years. He was born at Ira, Cayuga County, May 20, 1874, the son of Calvin Wolcott and Lucy (Johnson) Burritt.

Calvin Wolcott Burritt was born at Roxbury, Connecticut, August 8, 1832, and his wife was a native of Ira, New York. Their marriage took place on January 20, 1863, and they spent the remainder of their lives at Ira, where Mr. Burritt became a prosperous farmer. He owned 165 acres of land and was successful as a dairy farmer. Mr. Burritt died August 21, 1908, and his wife died in 1916. Both are buried at Cato. Their only child was Robert Johnson, the subject of this sketch.

Calvin Wolcott Burritt was the son of Philo and Caroline (Downs) Burritt. He was born September 25, 1799, and his wife was born April 16, 1804. He died October 8, 1858, and her death occurred May 30, 1889. Both are buried at Cato. Their marriage took place May 14, 1823. Their children were: 1. William, de-

ceased. 2. Sarah (Burritt) Olmstead, resided near Des Moines, Iowa, now deceased. 3. Calvin Wolcott. 4. Charles, deceased. Philo Burritt was the son of Eben and Sarah (Fairchild) Burritt. Eben Burritt was born at Stratford, now Trumbull, Connecticut, April 17, 1762, and his wife was born July 31, 1876. He died October 10, 1840. His marriage took place at Trumbull, Connecticut, April 9, 1783. Eben Burritt served as a soldier during the Revolutionary War and was a private in Capt. David Nichol's Company with Colonel Whiting as commander of the regiment. To Eben and Sarah (Fairchild) Burritt were born the following children: 1. Phoebe Polly, born January 10, 1786. 2. Lewis, born July 2, 1788. 3. Sally, born March 7, 1791. 4. William, born February 8, 1794. 5. Daniel Fairchild, born April 4, 1797. 6. Philo, born September 25, 1799. 7. Roswell, born November 9, 1802. 8. Julian, born July 4, 1808. 9. Eben William, born March 13, 1811.

Robert Johnson Burritt, the subject of this sketch, attended the district schools of Ira, and is a graduate of Auburn High School. He subsequently entered Albany Law School and after his graduation was admitted to the bar in 1898. Mr. Burritt was assistant district attorney of Cayuga County from 1899 until January 1, 1906, and served as district attorney from January 1, 1906, until January 1, 1912. He has since engaged in private practice and has offices in the Flint Building at 133½ Genesee Street. He has been president of the Cayuga County Bar Association, and also holds membership in the Western New York and New York State Bar Associations.

On June 20, 1902, Mr. Burritt was united in marriage with Miss Selina Hoag, daughter of Andrew and Hannah Hoag, of Barker, New York. Both are deceased and are buried at Barker, Niagara County. Mr. and Mrs. Burritt have a daughter, Lucy, who is a graduate of Highland Hall School, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, and also attended Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, New York. She married George M. Sterling, and resides at Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Burritt is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to Auburn Lodge, F. & A. M., B. P. O. Elks, and Owasco Lake Yacht Club.



**Robert Boyd McColl.**—One of the able and highly successful business executives of the city of Auburn is Robert Boyd McColl, who is president of the McIntosh & Seymour Corporation. He was born at Kilmarnock, Scotland, January 1, 1882, the son of Hugh and Jane (Boyd) McColl.

Hugh McColl and his wife were natives of Scotland, born at Elgin and Ayr, respectively. He was an engineer and spent many years with the Glasgow & South Western Railway in Scotland. He died in March, 1903, and his wife died in March, 1932. To them were born the following children: 1. Alexander L., lives in England. 2. Marion, lives in Montreal, Canada. 3. Margaret, lives in England. 4. Hugh, lives in Toronto, Canada. 5. Elizabeth, lives at Kilmarnock, Scotland. 6. Nancy, lives at Kilmarnock, Scotland. 7. Robert Boyd, the subject of this sketch.

Robert Boyd McColl was reared and educated in Scotland. He served as special apprentice on the Glasgow & Southwestern Railway at Kilmarnock, working in all departments, including the drawing office. He then left that concern and was employed by Robert Stephenson & Sons, locomotive builders, at Darlington, England, as a draftsman. In 1905 Mr. McColl went to Montreal with the Montreal Locomotive Works, Ltd., and was later made works manager. In 1917 he was appointed manager of the munition department of the Eddystone Munition Company. He became general manager of the Armstrong Whitworth Company, locomotive department, and subsequently was general manager of the Pneumatic Tool Department, Gas and Oil Engine Department, and also director of the Works Board of all Armstrong Whitworth Company plants. In 1922 Mr. McColl returned to the American Locomotive Company, New York office, until June of that year, and was then appointed assistant manager of the Schenectady plant. In 1925 he became manager of the Schenectady plant, which position was held by him until his election to the office of president of the McIntosh & Seymour Corporation.

On June 24, 1908, Mr. McColl was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann McLennan, of Knockbain, Ross-Shire, Scotland, and a resident of Gary, Ind., at the time of her marriage. She is the daughter of John and Catherine (McLean) McLennan, natives of

Scotland. The former died in January, 1895, and the latter in October, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. McColl have no children.

In politics Mr. McColl is independent. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, and holds membership in the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, London, England, Mohawk Club, Mohawk Golf Club, Masonic Club, Owasco Country Club and Rotary Club. Mr. McColl is a life member of Kilwinning Kilmar-nock Lodge No. 22, Free and Accepted Masons, Royal Arch Masons, Knight Templar and life member Karnak Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is a life member of the McColl society, "Comunn Chloinn Cholla."

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**Harry A. Gleason.**—Admitted to the Bar in 1912, Harry A. Gleason has been practicing law in Auburn for twenty years, and he is recognized as a highly successful lawyer. He was born at Cuyler, Cortland County, New York, March 12, 1887, the son of Patrick and Margaret (Long) Gleason.

Patrick Gleason was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, and was five years old when he was brought to the United States by his parents. The family settled at Cuyler, New York, where they became prosperous farmers. Throughout his life Patrick Gleason engaged in agricultural pursuits. He died April 4, 1925, and is buried at Cortland. His widow was born at Tully, New York, and lives at Cortland. Mr. Gleason was a Democrat and held membership in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, at Truxton. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gleason: 1. Frank P., who is principal of schools at Bayonne, New Jersey. 2. Thomas J., who was principal of schools at Montclair, New Jersey, until his recent death. 3. John, who is principal of schools at Newark, New Jersey. 4. William J., who is principal of schools at Cortland. 5. Richard L., who is principal of the high school at Newark, New Jersey. 6. Josephine E., a teacher, Newark, New Jersey. 7. Agnes K., lives at Cortland. 8. Harry A., the subject of this sketch. All are graduates of Cortland Normal School with the exception of Harry A.



After his graduation from Cortland High School in 1909, Harry A. Gleason attended Syracuse University, from which he was graduated in Law in 1912. He was admitted to the Bar during the same year and for two years was associated with Davis & Lusk, of Cortland. In 1915 he formed a partnership with Robert E. Crane, of Auburn, and remained in successful practice in this city until the time of his enlistment for service in the World War. He served with the United States Navy and was stationed at Newport, Rhode Island, until his discharge on December 18, 1918, as a first class seaman. Upon his return to Auburn, Mr. Gleason practiced law alone until 1928, at which time he became a member of the firm of Gleason & Boyle, his partner being Edward T. Boyle. In January, 1923, Mr. Gleason received his present appointment as attorney for the State Inheritance Tax Commission for Cayuga County.

In 1930 Mr. Gleason was united in marriage with Miss Evelyn May, the daughter of Peter May, of Michigan. Mr. May taught school and later was an accountant with the International Harvester Company, at Auburn. Both Mr. and Mrs. May are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Gleason's only child, Harry A., Jr., is deceased.

Mr. Gleason is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, B. P. O. Elks No. 474, Knights of Columbus, Auburn Council No. 207, Delta Chi fraternity, Auburn Country Club, Highland Country Club, Cayuga County Bar Association, and Western New York Bar Association. He also belongs to the American Legion, being one of the original Board of Directors of B. W. Mynderse Rice Post, Auburn, and is at present attorney on claims for the organization. In politics Mr. Gleason is identified with the Democratic party.

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**Edward T. Boyle.**—Numbered among the able and resourceful young attorneys of Auburn is Edward T. Boyle, associated with the law firm of Gleason & Boyle, with offices in the Metcalf Building, 141 Genesee Street. He was born in this city, May 23, 1901, the son of James and Helen (McCarthy) Boyle.

James Boyle, who died April 12, 1903, was a native of Auburn and spent his entire life in this city. He was a moulder by trade and became foreman in the employ of the Tuttle Rolling Mills. He was a Democrat, and held membership in Holy Family Catholic Church. His wife, also born in this city, died in 1926. Both are buried in Auburn. Their children were, as follows: 1. Catherine, married William P. Bergan, lives at Auburn. 2. Molly, married Charles Mosher, lives at Lynn, Massachusetts. 3. J. Joseph, lives at Auburn. 4. Louise, lives at Auburn. 5. Genevieve, lives at Auburn. 6. Paul, deceased. 7. Esther, married John P. Carrigan, lives at Syracuse. 8. Bernadine, married Leo Ringwood, lives at Auburn. 9. Frances, lives at Auburn. 10. Charles T., a World War veteran, served in France with the United States Marine Corps, lives at Auburn. 11. Edward T., the subject of this sketch.

The early education of Edward T. Boyle was received in the Auburn public schools, from which he was graduated in 1920. He spent two years as an Arts student at Syracuse University, and in 1925 received the degree of LL. B. at that institution. He had served as clerk in the office of Harry A. Gleason and after his admission to the bar in 1926 he continued in practice with Mr. Gleason, becoming his partner in 1928. Mr. Boyle's practice consists to a large extent in civil and criminal trials. On January 1, 1931, Mr. Boyle was appointed deputy assistant Attorney General for the State of New York. He is identified with the Cayuga County Bar Association and Western New York Bar Association.

Politically, Mr. Boyle is a Democrat. He is an active member of Holy Family Catholic Church, and is affiliated with B. P. O. Elks No. 474, Esteemed Loyal Knight; trustee of Auburn Council No. 207, Knights of Columbus; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Gamma Eta Gamma fraternity; Auburn Turnverein; and Highland Country Club.

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**W. Frederick R. Davis.**—As a practicing attorney, the career of W. Frederick R. Davis has been identified with the city of Auburn for ten years, and he is recognized as one of the able professional men of Cayuga County. He was born at Union Springs,



New York, September 7, 1897, the son of John Yawger and Mary (Russell) Davis.

John Y. Davis was born at Aurelius, Cayuga County, and his wife was a native of Saugerties, New York. He attended Cornell and was a member of the graduating class of 1872, being a student there at the time of the adoption of the four year university course. Throughout his entire life Mr. Davis was interested in general farming. He retired in 1921 and removed to Auburn, where he died three years later. Mr. Davis enjoyed the pleasure of attending the fiftieth reunion of his college class. He was a Republican and had served as justice of the peace and assessor. He was an elder of the Presbyterian Church. His wife died in 1922. Both are buried in Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn. There were ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis, as follows: 1. Charles L., lives at Port Byron, New York. 2. Susanna D., the widow of Charles M. Morse, and she is principal of Lincoln School, Auburn. 3. Eliza D., the widow of David S. Carrll, who was vice-president and general manager of the Capital Traction Company, of Washington, D. C. She was a medical missionary for the Episcopal Church, Mountain Province, Philippine Islands. She now resides in Washington, D. C., and Paris, France. 4. Jessie, married George V. Roberts, Jr., lives at Fulton, New York. 5. Isabelle C., a graduate of Albany Teachers College, was an instructor in chemistry, now the wife of S. B. Taber, Milton, New York. 6. Mary Alice, a graduate of Mechanics Institute, a dietician, lives at Auburn. 7. Jeremiah P., garage owner, lives at Union Springs, New York. 8. Alexander P., who is a graduate of Cornell University, Mechanical Engineering, class of 1914, now superintendent of the Seaboard Paper Company, Bucksport, Maine. He served with the United States Air Corps during the World War with the rank of second lieutenant. 9. Llewellyn H., lives at Canastota, New York. He served in France during the World War as a member of Company M, One Hundred and Eighth Infantry, Twenty-seventh Division, later being transferred to the One Hundred and Fifth Infantry, Twenty-seventh Division. He was severely wounded and gassed in the service and was cited for bravery in action. 10. W. Frederick R., the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from Union Springs public schools, W. Frederick R. Davis was a student at Oakwood Seminary. He completed a course of study at Syracuse Business School in 1916, and received the degree of LL. B. at Cornell University in 1921. In October of that year Mr. Davis was admitted to the New York State Bar, and at that time entered the law offices of Edgar S. Mosher, of Auburn. From November, 1922, until December 31, 1931, Mr. Davis served as clerk of the Children's Court, and in November, 1931, was elected City Recorder. He assumed the duties of that office on January 1, 1932.

In 1925 Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Miss Janet Bridgeman, daughter of Glenn and Louise (Hallock) Bridgeman, natives of New York. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Rochester, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have three children, David L., Barbara L., and Peter R. H.

Mr. Davis is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Warren Lodge F. & A. M. No. 147; Union Springs Chapter, R. A. M.; Salem Commandery, K. T.; Anar Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R.; B. P. O. Elks No. 474; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Hardenburg Lodge; Theta Chi fraternity; Exchange Club; Cayuga County Bar Association, member of executive committee; and Western New York Bar Association.

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**Francis J. Smith.**—One of the prominent younger attorneys of Auburn is Francis J. Smith, who is a veteran of the World War. He is a native of this city, born June 15, 1898, the son of Frank J. and Matilda (May) Smith.

The original spelling of the family name was "Schmidt." Frank J. Schmidt was born in Prussia, Germany, October 23, 1856. At the age of seventeen years he emigrated to this country, and some years later changed the name to Smith. In 1888 Mr. Smith removed with his family to Auburn from Rome, New York, and for a number of years successfully conducted a furniture repair and upholstering shop. He died in this city, March 16, 1930. His widow, born at Marlette, Michigan, resides in Auburn. Mr. Smith



was a Democrat, a member of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, and Auburn Turnverein. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born three children: 1. Francis J., the subject of this sketch. 2. Marie, married Frank Dochety. 3. Cyril. All live in Auburn.

Francis J. Smith acquired his early education in the public schools of Auburn and entered Cornell University after his graduation from Auburn High School in 1917. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1921 and two years later was graduated from the Law School of Syracuse University. During the World War Mr. Smith had served first with the Student Army Training Corps and later was transferred to the ground school of aviation, being discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Mr. Smith began his legal career as a clerk in the offices of Melvin & Melvin, attorneys, Syracuse, and in 1924 came to Auburn to become associated with Harry A. Gleason. In December, 1925, Mr. Smith established a private practice. He was appointed Referee in Bankruptcy, United States District Court, in June, 1927, re-appointed in 1929 and again in 1931. Mr. Smith has offices in the Masonic Building on South Street.

Politically, Mr. Smith is a Republican and he holds membership in the Cayuga County Bar Association and New York State Bar Association. He also belongs to the Elks Lodge, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Exchange Club, Utopia Club, Scorpion Club, and Phi Iota Chi fraternity. He is a member of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Auburn.

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**Saffrine L. Depew.**—One of the recognized leading business men of Auburn is Saffrine L. Depew, who has been identified with the Cayuga County Farmers Insurance Company as secretary since 1908. He has offices in the Auburn Savings Bank Building. Mr. Depew was born at Owasco, Cayuga County, April 11, 1865, the son of Henry P. and Judy (Wormer) Depew. Original spelling of the family name was "Depuy."

Henry P. Depew was born at Owasco, Cayuga County, and his wife was a native of Moravia, New York. He followed general

farming and owned 190 acres at Sennett, which he operated until his retirement in 1891. Mr. Depew died in 1905 and his wife died in 1913. They are buried in Sennett Rural Cemetery. Mr. Depew was a Democrat and held membership in the Presbyterian Church. There were two sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Depew: 1. Saffrine L., the subject of this sketch. 2. Wilford H., lives at Auburn.

Henry P. Depew was the son of Saffrine and Elizabeth (Depuy) Depuy, natives of Owasco, and buried in the Vanetten Cemetery, town of Owasco. Judy (Wormer) Depew was the daughter of Daniel L. and Mary Ann (DeWitt) Wormer, the former a native of Moravia and the latter of Niles, Cayuga County. They are buried in Sennett Rural Cemetery.

Saffrine L. Depew attended the public schools of Sennett and is a graduate of Auburn High School. He taught school during the winters for some time. He grew up on his father's farm, and remained there until the time of his marriage, December 15, 1886, at which time he purchased from his parents the old maternal homestead of his mother's. Mr. Depew still owns this place. In November, 1913, he was elected sheriff of Cayuga County and served in that office for a period of three years. He then purchased the farm of D. W. Haley, which consists of twenty-one acres, in the town of Sennett, located on the East Genesee Road adjacent to the Auburn city line. Mr. Depew now resides there.

Mr. Depew was elected a director of the Cayuga County Farmers Insurance Company in 1899 and in January, 1908, became secretary of the organization. Auburn is the home office of the company, which does an extensive business in Oswego, Cayuga, Seneca, Wayne and Onondaga counties. Since 1914 Mr. Depew has also been a trustee of the Auburn Savings Bank, and is serving as chairman of the bond and mortgage committee.

On December 15, 1886, Mr. Depew was united in marriage with Miss Jennie L. Phelps, daughter of Charles and Mary Ann (Sheldon) Phelps, of Sennett. Mrs. Depew died June 18, 1932, and is buried in Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn, New York. Their children are: 1. Jessie, married Morton D. Walker, lives at Sennett, and they have two daughters: Marion, attended Arlington Hall; and Helen Jane. 2. Stanley L., coal dealer, lives at Auburn. He married Miss Helen Manro.



Mr. Depew has always been a Republican. During 1899-1900-1901-1902 he was a member of the board of supervisors and in 1901 was chairman of the board. He has served as justice of the peace at Sennett continuously since 1887. Mr. Depew is a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Auburn and is affiliated with Auburn Lodge F. & A. M. No. 431, Sennett Grange, and New York State Grange.

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**Fred A. Parker.**—Associated with the firm of A. J. and F. A. Parker, attorneys, with offices in the Metcalf Building, Fred A. Parker ranks among the leading professional men of Auburn, and is recognized as one of the dependable citizens of the community. He was born here, June 24, 1884, the son of Hon. Amasa J. and Mary (Hooker) Parker.

Hon. Amasa J. Parker was born at Cato, Cayuga County, November 19, 1857. Following his graduation from Weedsport Academy in 1874 he read law in the offices of Frank Rich, of Cato, and later with Frank M. Parsons, of Weedsport. In June, 1878, Mr. Parker was admitted to the Bar, and at that time established his present successful practice in the city of Auburn. During 1883-88 he was special County Judge. Mr. Parker is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, being Past Master of St. Paul's Lodge, F. & A. M., and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth Masonic District. He also belongs to B. P. O. Elks No. 474.

The boyhood of Fred A. Parker was spent in Auburn, and he was graduated from the public schools in 1902. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Yale University in 1907, and during 1907-11 was identified with the Bristol Mills in Auburn. He then studied law in his father's office and was admitted to the New York Bar in 1913. Immediately, the firm of A. J. & F. A. Parker was organized, which has continued to the present time as one of the outstanding law firms of Cayuga County. Mr. Parker is also extensively interested in real estate.

In 1907 Mr. Parker was united in marriage with Miss Helen Shields Brister, daughter of Hon. Charles and Belle (Beebe) Brister, natives of New York. Mr. Brister was a merchant miller and

served as mayor of Auburn for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have two sons: 1. Fred A., Jr., a graduate of Auburn High School, attended Syracuse University, now engaged in business at Auburn. 2. Charles Brister, a graduate of Auburn High School, attended Williams College. He is now connected with the law office of his father.

Mr. Parker is a Republican, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Oswego Yacht Club, Auburn Tennis Club, and Highland Country Club. As a sportsman, he is one of the city's leaders and during 1928-30-31 won the Auburn city tennis doubles championship. During his college career he was manager and a member of the Varsity hand ball team at Yale. He is also an ardent sailor and for many years has owned sloops on Lake Ontario.

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**Lester E. Brew**, funeral director, 47 Clark Street, Auburn, was born at Riga, Monroe County, New York, April 9, 1888, the son of Duncan and Catherine (Sutherland) Brew.

In October 1921, Lester E. Brew married Miss Muriel Hodder, and they have a son, Lester E., Jr.

Mr. Brew is identified with the National Funeral Directors Association, New York State Undertakers Association, and New York State Embalmers Association. He is also a member of the National Selected Morticians organization. He holds membership in the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, B. P. O. Elks No. 474, Masonic Lodge, Auburn and Damascus Shrine, Rochester, and Y. M. C. A. He is past president of the Rotary Club, and belongs to the Auburn Country Club, and Highland Park Golf Club. He is an active member of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Brew came to Auburn in 1914 to enter the employ of Eben M. Walker in the undertaking business. He assumed ownership and complete control of the establishment in February, 1921, upon the demise of Mr. Walker who, in his will, made bequest of the business to Mr. Brew.



During the World War Mr. Brew enlisted for service, going overseas and served in France as a member of the Tanks Corps.

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**Eben M. Walker**, who died in Auburn, February 23, 1921, was recognized as one of the able and highly successful business men of the city, and throughout his life he manifested a keen interest in civic affairs. He was born at Auburn, December 17, 1869, the son of T. Dwight Walker.

The education of Eben M. Walker was received in the public schools of Auburn, and as a young man he became associated with the firm of Tallman & Bennett, photo-copying artists. Later, when S. C. Tallman became interested in the undertaking business he was associated in the new venture with Mr. Walker, until 1911 when he sold out his interests to Mr. Walker. The business was continued by Mr. Walker under the old firm style of Tallman & Walker. Upon his demise in 1921, he bequeathed the business to his assistant, Lester E. Brew, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this book. Mr. Walker was active in local and national funeral associations, and had served as president of the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce in Auburn.

Mr. Walker married (first) in 1891 to Miss Theoda Smith, who died in 1919. Their son, Kenneth Knapp, after serving in France during the World War in 1918, was taken ill with pneumonia on shipboard and died at Liverpool on the day of his disembarkment. Mr. Walker married (second) in 1920 to Miss Lena Jeanette Brooks.

Mr. Walker was affiliated with the Masonic and Elk lodges.

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**Selah C. Tallman.**—Prominent in the business and civic life of Auburn for many years, Selah C. Tallman, deceased, was recognized as a community leader. He was born at Scipio, Cayuga County, December 20, 1855.

After his graduation from Auburn High School, Selah C. Tallman learned stenography and in 1878 entered the employ of C.

Altman & Company, of Canton, Ohio. Two years later he became private secretary to William A. Sweet, Auburn, and later in 1880 became associated with Sheldon & Company in this city. In 1881 Mr. Tallman was appointed official stenographer of the Cayuga County courts, as well as Surrogate Court, and he served in that capacity continuously until 1893. He was also a court reporter in the United States and Supreme Courts of New York. For a time Mr. Tallman conducted an extensive portrait copying business in partnership with W. I. Bennett, the firm being known as S. C. Tallman & Company.

Upon the death of his father in 1893, Mr. Tallman assumed his interests in a funeral establishment in Auburn, which had been founded in 1878 by his father, John K. Tallman, and was later conducted by him and another son, Humphrey A. Tallman. Later, upon the demise of Humphrey A. Tallman, S. C. Tallman purchased the entire establishment, with which he was successfully identified for many years. It became known, subsequently, as Tallman and Walker, and is referred to elsewhere in this work in connection with the sketch of Eben M. Walker. Mr. Tallman died in Auburn, May 6, 1925.

Mr. Tallman was a charter member of the Owasco Country Club, president of the Auburn Automobile Club, trustee of Fort Hill Cemetery Association, member of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, and honorary member of the Onondaga County Undertakers Association.

Mr. Tallman had the distinction of being the first automobile owner in the city of Auburn and it was he who made it possible for many local residents to enjoy their first automobile excursions.

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**Anthony J. Contiguglia**, attorney, engaged in practice at Auburn, with offices in the Masonic Building, has been an able representative of his profession in Cayuga County for more than ten years. He was born at Tortorici, Province of Messina, Italy, November 1, 1897, the son of Gaetano and Conceita (Trusso) Contiguglia.



Gaetano Contiguglia was born in Tortorici, Italy, Province of Messina. He died at Jamestown, New York, August 14, 1914, and is buried there. He was a barber by trade and after his arrival in this country with his family in January, 1906, he settled at Auburn, where he spent four years in the cordage mill of the International Harvester Company as assistant foreman. In 1910 the family removed to Jamestown, where Mr. Contiguglia had real estate and business interests at the time of his death. His widow lives in Auburn. To Mr. and Mrs. Contiguglia were born the following children: 1. Sebastian, lives at Tortorici, Italy, served with the Italian Army during the World War and was twice wounded and decorated. He was discharged with the rank of second lieutenant. 2. Frank, lives at Auburn, served with the U. S. Army in France during the World War, now foreman at the Dunn-McCarthy Manufacturing Company. 3. Anthony J., the subject of this sketch. 4. Carmela, married James Picciano, lives at Auburn. 5. Thomas, lives at Rochester, New York, where he is associated with the grocery and fruit stores of Wagman Brothers. 6. M. Evelyn, lives at Auburn. 7. Joseph, lives at Auburn.

Anthony J. Contiguglia received his early education in the schools of his native land, and completed his early education in the parochial and public schools of Jamestown and Auburn. In 1918 he was graduated from Auburn High School, spent the following two years at Syracuse University, and in 1922 was graduated from the Law School of Union University, Albany. Mr. Contiguglia served a clerkship in the law offices of Charles T. Whelan, Auburn, being admitted to the Bar on May 10, 1923. He then established a private practice. Mr. Contiguglia served as market master for the city of Auburn for two terms and as justice of the peace from 1924 until 1927. He is identified with the Cayuga County Bar Association as treasurer, and also belongs to the Western New York and New York State Bar Associations.

On July 9, 1927, Mr. Contiguglia was united in marriage with Miss Ida Berrena, daughter of Luigi and Adelaide (Borsi) Berrena, both natives of Barga, Province of Lucca, Italy. He died in May, 1920, and his widow resides at Barga. He was a professor of languages. Mrs. Contiguglia is a graduate of Lucca College,

class of 1920, and in 1922 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of Pisa in Italy. To Mr. and Mrs. Contiguglia have been born three children: Lillian; Robert Anthony and Louis Peter, twins.

Politically, Mr. Contiguglia is a Republican, and holds membership in the Young Men's Republican Club and Columbian Republican League. He belongs to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, and is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Alpha Phi Delta fraternity, Justinian Society, and Exchange Club of Auburn, being president of the latter organization. He is secretary of the Auburn Council, Finger Lakes Association, and deputy commissioner of Auburn Council, Boy Scouts of America.

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**Hon. Benn Kenyon.**—A leading figure in the legal affairs of Cayuga County is Benn Kenyon, who is Justice of the Supreme Court, Seventh Judicial District of New York. He was born at Scipio, Cayuga County, June 29, 1886, the son of Dr. Frank and Elizabeth (Griswold) Kenyon.

A complete sketch of Dr. Frank Kenyon appears elsewhere in this history.

The early education of Benn Kenyon was received in the public schools of Scipio and he is a graduate of the high school at Ithaca. He subsequently was graduated from the College of Law, Cornell University, and began his professional career in 1908 as justice of the peace in the city of Auburn. He became city recorder in 1912 and from 1918 until January 1, 1930, for a period of four terms, was district attorney of Cayuga County. He assumed his present duties as Justice of the Supreme Court in 1931. Throughout the World War Judge Kenyon was appeal commissioner for Cayuga County.

In July, 1907, Judge Kenyon was united in marriage with Miss Marguerite A. Curry, of Corning, New York, the daughter of William D. and Belle (Race) Curry. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Corning. No children have been born to Judge and Mrs. Kenyon.



Judge Kenyon has always been identified with the Republican party in politics. He is of Quaker faith and is affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church, of Auburn. His lodge and club affiliations are: Auburn Lodge, No. 431, Past Master; David Chapter, No. 34, R. A. M.; Salem Town Commandery, No. 16, Past Commander; Grand Commander, Knights Templar of the State of New York, 1930-31; King Hiram Council, No. 18, R. and S. M.; Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Central City Consistory, A. A. S. R., 32nd degree; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Auburn Encampment No. 142, and Hardenburgh Lodge No. 748; Auburn Lodge, No. 474, B. P. O. Elks, Past Exalted Ruler; Rotary Club, charter and honorary member; Chamber of Commerce; Knights of Pythias, No. 143; Auburn Country Club, charter member; and Finger Lakes Association, vice-president.

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**Frank Kenyon, M. D.**—Among the most prominent and honored pioneer medical men of Cayuga County was Dr. Frank Kenyon, who died in Auburn, November 19, 1928. He was born at Owasco, Cayuga County, October 26, 1844, the son of Benjamin and Eliza Kenyon.

The Kenyon family had settled at Venice, Cayuga County, in 1848, and became prominent citizens of this section. Frank Kenyon received his early education in the district schools and was a graduate of Dartmouth College. He received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Bellevue Hospital Medical College in 1872, and until his retirement in 1913 was a leader in the community life of Scipio, where he had an extensive practice. His professional duties took him throughout the southern part of the county, his visits to the sick being made by saddle and sleigh. There was scarcely a family in this section not familiar with Doctor Kenyon and his capable methods and kindly ministrations. He became a member of the Cayuga County Medical Society in 1873 and was president of that body during 1876. At the time of his death he was an honorary member.

Doctor Kenyon was married (first) on May 26, 1875, to Miss Elizabeth A. Griswold, who died October 2, 1910. He married

(second) on March 16, 1915, to Ada Yearance, of Rutherford, New Jersey.

Doctor Kenyon became a member of Genoa Lodge, No. 421, F. and A. M., January 31, 1867, and in 1874 became affiliated with Cayuga Lodge, No. 221, F. and A. M. It was in 1912 that he joined Auburn Lodge, No. 431, F. and A. M.

For several terms Doctor Kenyon served as town clerk of Scipio.

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**Frank L. Heacox, M. D.**—As prison physician and superintendent of the women's prison at Auburn, Doctor Heacox ranks as a leader in penology in the United States. He was the pioneer in psychometric work in the prisons of New York State and introduced mental tests for all prisoners. Auburn prison was the first institution, therefore, in the country where all adult convicts were given intelligence tests and classified as to mentality. The type of test established by Doctor Heacox is now in use in practically every penal institution in the United States.

Doctor Heacox was born at New Hartford, Connecticut, February 11, 1876. He received his early education in the public schools of Unionville, Connecticut, and prepared to enter Yale University. However, he changed his plans and spent one year at Baltimore Medical College. He then left college in order to earn sufficient funds for his medical course and became identified with a country newspaper at Unionville. Within a year he purchased the paper, which he then successfully operated for four years. With sufficient cash on hand he disposed of his holdings and entered Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. In 1903 he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine and spent three months as an interne at Walnut Lodge Hospital, Hartford, Connecticut. Doctor Heacox began a private practice at Unionville, Connecticut, and in 1905 removed to Schenectady, New York, where he was appointed head of the Medical Department of the Eastern New York Reformatory. He held that office until July 1, 1913, at which time he came to Auburn to assume his present duties as prison physician. In 1921 he also became superintendent



of the women's prison, and his work in connection with the latter institution has won nation-wide recognition. During the trying riots of July 28 and December 11, 1929, in the women's prison, Doctor Heacox maintained order and peace while bloodshed and death ruled in the men's prison on the opposite side of a narrow wall. After the resignation of Capt. John L. Hoffman as warden during the riot, Doctor Heacox was appointed acting warden of Auburn State Prison on March 19, 1930, and he successfully filled the office until the appointment of a new warden in 1931.

Doctor Heacox is a pioneer in the establishment of a new school of prison medicine. It had formerly been the practice of a physician to care for the institutional work in connection with a private practice. But Doctor Heacox planned a greater service to the city behind the walls. He established prison clinics and spent virtually his entire time in prison work. During a scarlet fever epidemic in the prison, which swept through both the men and women departments alike, Doctor Heacox displayed heroic efforts and succeeded in not losing a single life, although the major portion of the convicts were stricken and the prison was long under quarantine.

Doctor Heacox was married in 1901 to Miss Isabel Frances, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who is deceased. Their son is Cecil Heacox.

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**William J. Callanan**, who is district manager of the Empire Gas & Electric Company, with headquarters in Auburn, is recognized as one of the able and highly successful business executives of the city. He was born here, April 24, 1882, the son of Peter and B. F. (McGarr) Callanan.

Peter Callanan was a native of Ireland who settled in Auburn in early life. He spent twenty-five years as a member of the city police department and died in December, 1902. His wife was born in Auburn and died in 1926. Both are buried in Auburn. He was a Republican, a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, and Knights of Columbus, Auburn Council No. 207. There were two sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Callanan: 1. William J., the subject of

this sketch. 2. Victor, who is editor of the Citizen-Advertiser, of Auburn.

After his graduation from Auburn High School in 1903, William J. Callanan entered the employ of the D. M. Osborne Company in their foreign shipping department. In 1905 he went with the Auburn Gas Company as salesman. When the company was reorganized as the Empire Gas & Electric Company, Mr. Callanan became manager of the company's branch at Seneca Falls, New York. In 1913 the firm acquired lines and territory at Clyde, Newark, and Lyons, New York, with Mr. Callanan manager of that district. He became manager of the Auburn office in 1920, and eight years later he assumed his present duties as district manager.

In 1907 Mr. Callanan was united in marriage with Miss Marie Smith, daughter of Arthur L. and Alice E. Smith, of Auburn. The former is deceased and the latter resides at Auburn and Clyde. Mr. Smith was a well known druggist. Mr. and Mrs. Callanan's daughter, Marie Elizabeth, is a graduate of Auburn High School and received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts. She is now secretary to the vice president of the Consolidated Gas Company, of Boston.

Mr. Callanan is a Republican, former vice president of the Rotary Club and Auburn Chamber of Commerce, and holds membership in the Auburn Country Club, and B. P. O. Elks No. 474.

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**John A. Keller.**—One of the active and progressive business men of Auburn is John A. Keller, who is general manager and treasurer of the Eldred Refining Company, 204 Clark Street. He was born at Elmira, New York, December 9, 1888, the son of William F. and Augusta I. (Porter) Keller.

William F. Keller, retired, is a native of Herkimer County, New York, and the son of John A. and Ella Keller, also natives of that section. They were prosperous farmers. William F. Keller became a moulder and followed that trade until his retirement in 1921. He lives at Auburn. Augusta I. (Porter) Keller was born at Elmira, and died in January, 1929. She is buried in Soule Cem-



etery, Auburn. Mr. Keller is a Republican, and holds membership in the First Presbyterian Church. There were four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Keller: 1. Raymond J., who served as detective in the Auburn police department at the time of his death in January, 1928. 2. Willard Irving, lives at Auburn. 3. Ella E., married James Jones, lives at Raleigh, North Carolina. 4. John A., the subject of this sketch.

John A. Keller was reared and educated in Elmira and Auburn. At an early age he learned telegraphy and spent some time in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, at Owego, New York. He was subsequently stationed at various offices on the Auburn Division, but in 1911 retired from railroad work. At that time he entered the automobile business with Fred C. Linzy. In 1915 he opened a service station at Grant Avenue, which he successfully managed for five years. He then became a service manager for the Eldred Refining Company, and in 1926 was appointed assistant general manager and in 1932 was appointed general manager and treasurer. The company operates service stations throughout New York State.

In 1909 Mr. Keller married Miss Allie H. Harmon, daughter of Winslow and Mary Jane (Lester) Harmon, of Cayuga County. Both are deceased and are buried at Fleming, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Keller have no children.

Mr. Keller is a Republican, a member of the Rotary Club, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. His lodge affiliations are: St. Paul's Lodge F. & A. M. No. 124; David Chapter R. A. M. No. 34, Principal Sojourner; King Hiram Council R. & S. M. M. No. 18, Master in 1931-32; Salem Town Commandery K. T. No. 16, Commander; Central City Consistory, 32nd degree; Ansar Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R.; Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and chairman of the Masonic Executive Council, of Auburn.

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**Daniel S. Wright**, deceased, was a leading figure for many years in the business, civic and fraternal life of Weedsport, Cayuga County, and nationally known. He was born in the town of Brutus, Cayuga County, July 24, 1867, and died December 23,

1928. Mr. Wright was the son of Sylvester and Harriet (Sheldon) Wright.

Sylvester Wright and his wife were natives of Cayuga County. He was a farmer and specialized in dairying. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried at Weedsport. They held membership in the Methodist Church.

The boyhood of Daniel S. Wright was spent on his father's farm and he attended the schools in the town of Brutus and Weedsport Free Union School. He continued to operate the homestead after the death of his father until 1904, at which time he disposed of it to Moore Brothers, the present owners. Mr. Wright then came to Weedsport and established a hay and grain business as a member of the firm of Caywood, Stickle & Wright. After ten years the business was reorganized as Adams & Wright, Mr. Wright being associated with Willard G. Adams. A year later Mr. Wright engaged in business alone. During his long and successful business career, Mr. Wright established a reputation for honesty and integrity. He was a director of the Auburn Trust Company.

In 1926 Mr. Wright was united in marriage with Miss Linnie Whitcomb, the daughter of Herbert and Adelaide (Hannum) Whitcomb, natives of Oswego County. Mr. Whitcomb died in March, 1926, and his widow lives at Baldwinsville, New York. He was a successful farmer. He was a Republican, held membership in the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. Mrs. Wright resides in Weedsport, New York.

Mr. Wright was a life long Republican and from 1918 until 1924 was supervisor of Brutus and chairman of the board also for one year. He had been approached as a possible candidate for both the Legislature and Congress, but declined the honor. He served for many years as a member of the Cayuga County Republican Committee.

Mr. Wright also served as president of the National Hay and Grain Dealers Association and as president of the New York State Hay and Grain Dealers Association. He was a member of many important committees on both boards, and was always present at national and state conventions, his opinions on hay and grain matters being widely sought.



Mr. Wright was president of the board of trustees of Weedsport Public Library, chairman of the Weedsport committee on finances for the Auburn City Hospital, and director of the Weedsport Cemetery Association. He was an active member of the Weedsport Baptist Church, and affiliated with Weedsport Lodge No. 385, F. and A. M.; Central City Consistory, 32nd degree, Syracuse; and Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Rochester, New York.

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**Kenneth R. Kester** is well and favorably known in Auburn, where he is general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association. He was born at Millville, Pennsylvania, April 19, 1892, the son of Clemuel R. and Fannie M. (Keller) Kester.

Clemuel R. Kester died in 1924 and is buried at Berwick, Pennsylvania. He was born on a farm near Millville and his wife was born at Rohrsburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kester was a carriage maker by trade, as well as a blacksmith. He was a Republican, member of the Society of Friends Church, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Patriotic Order Sons of America. His widow resides at Orangeville, Pennsylvania. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kester: 1. Kenneth R., the subject of this sketch. 2. Lorena, married Wilmer Southwick, a veteran of the World War.

The boyhood of Kenneth R. Kester was spent at Berwick, Pennsylvania, where he was educated. After his graduation from high school in 1911 he taught in the district schools of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, for two terms. He then became associated with the American Car & Foundry Company, at Berwick, as private secretary to the general superintendent. Mr. Kester became interested in Y. M. C. A. work in 1916 as boys' secretary at Berwick. At the outbreak of the World War he enlisted and was sent to Camp Lee, Virginia. Later, he was transferred to the Erie proving grounds, near Toledo, Ohio, attached to the ordnance corps. He was discharged with the rank of ordnance sergeant in 1919. He spent the following six months in the ordnance department in a civilian capacity, and in October, 1919, came to

Auburn as boys' secretary of the Y. M. C. A. He was appointed general secretary in February, 1930.

In 1917 Mr. Kester was united in marriage with Miss Myrtle Bower, daughter of Newman Bower, of Berwick, Pennsylvania. He is a retired farmer and is prominent in local politics. Mr. and Mrs. Kester have two children, Howard and Alice Louise.

Mr. Kester is a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church, and Rotary Club. He is a Republican in politics.

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**Lynn G. Swift.**—As president of the Osborne Hotel, Inc., of Auburn, Lynn G. Swift is one of the most popular hotel managers of Central New York. He was born at Oneonta, Otsego County, December 25, 1880, the son of Lester E. and Anna Elizabeth (Russell) Swift.

Lester E. Swift, a native of Oneonta, died in 1910. His widow still resides at that place. She was born on a vessel which was bound to the United States from England, her parents being natives of England. Mr. Swift engaged in the wholesale and retail meat business for many years at Oneonta, and was living retired at the time of his death. He was a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. There were two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Swift: 1. Lynn G., the subject of this sketch. 2. Goldie, married L. E. Wilder, lives at Oneonta.

After his graduation from Oneonta High School, Lynn G. Swift went to Albany, New York, as an advertising representative of the Stanwix Hall Hotel. He subsequently was connected with the New Kenmore Hotel, Albany, for one year, and in 1901 came to Auburn as a clerk in the Osborne House, which at that time was under the management of Thomas F. Dignum. In November, 1918, Mr. Swift was appointed manager of the Osborne Hotel, Inc., and upon the death of Thomas Mott Osborne he succeeded to the presidency. He is also manager of the hostelry.

On July 16, 1900, Mr. Swift was united in marriage with Miss Abigail Marie Ostram, the daughter of William E. Ostram, of Albany, New York. He was the owner of a fleet of boats on the



Hudson River and operated between Albany and New York City. Mr. Ostram is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Swift have no children.

Mr. Swift is affiliated with B. P. O. Elks No. 474, Auburn Council No. 257, Knights of Columbus, 4th degree, and belongs to the Rotary Club, Auburn Country Club, Highland Park Country Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the executive board of the New York State Hotel Men's Association and vice-president of the Cayuga County branch of the New York State Hotel Men's Association.

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**Rev. Dr. Malcolm L. MacPhail.**—As pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Doctor MacPhail is recognized as a leader in the religious and civic life of Auburn. He is a native of Nova Scotia, born at River Denys, July 11, 1877, the son of William and Anne (MacLeod) MacPhail.

William MacPhail lived in Nova Scotia throughout his life. He died in 1920 and his wife died in 1918. Both are buried at River Denys. Mr. MacPhail was a farmer and owned a tract of 100 acres. He and his wife held membership in the Presbyterian Church. Their children were: 1. Angus, lives on the old homestead. 2. Margaret, lives at Boston, Massachusetts. 3. Malcolm L., the subject of this sketch. 4. Catherine, deceased. 5. Agnes, deceased.

William MacPhail was the son of Angus and Margaret (MacDonald) MacPhail, who were natives of North Uist, Scotland. Both are buried at River Denys, Nova Scotia. Anne (MacLeod) MacPhail was the daughter of Malcolm and Catherine (Young) MacLeod. The latter were natives of the Isle of Lewis, Scotland, and are buried at River Denys.

The early education of Malcolm L. MacPhail was received in the district schools of his birthplace. In 1895 he was graduated from North Sydney Academy in Nova Scotia, and then taught school for two years at Little Narrows. In 1900 he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Franklin College in Ohio, and the following year obtained the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Boston University. In 1904 he was a member of the graduating class of

Auburn Theological Seminary, received the degree of Master of Arts at Harvard University in 1911, and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the latter institution in 1912. Doctor MacPhail had been ordained to the Presbytery of Boston in 1904 and during the following eight years was pastor of the Scotch Presbyterian Church in Boston. From 1912 until 1919 he served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, North Side, Pittsburgh, and in the latter year accepted the pastorate at the First Presbyterian Church in Auburn. Doctor MacPhail is a member of the Presbytery of Cayuga, and during 1931-32 was moderator for the Synod of New York. He is prominent as a writer and in 1909 published "The Magnetism of the Bible." He is a frequent contributor to nationally known religious publications.

On October 26, 1904, Doctor MacPhail was united in marriage with Miss Edna C. G. Campbell, daughter of Rev. Robert Gowan and Euphemia (Smith) Campbell, natives of York County, Pennsylvania. Doctor Campbell was a minister of the United Presbyterian Church. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried at New Athens, Ohio. Doctor and Mrs. MacPhail have a son, Robert. He is a graduate of Mercersburg Academy and Hamilton College. He lives in New York City.

Doctor MacPhail is a Republican and holds membership in the Rotary Club.

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**Earl James Kempton, M. D.**—Active and progressive in his profession, Doctor Kempton is numbered among the able and highly successful physicians and surgeons of Cayuga County, engaged in practice at Weedsport. He was born at Richmond, Vermont, May 10, 1891, the son of George M. and Ellen A. (Meade) Kempton.

George M. Kempton, retired, is a well known citizen of Glens Falls, New York. He was born in Vermont and is of English descent. His wife was born at Burlington, Vermont, being a direct descendant of General Meade. Mr. Kempton is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. To Mr. and Mrs. Kempton were born five chil-



dren: 1. Anita, married Robert Seymour, lives at Evanston, Illinois. 2. Earl James, the subject of this sketch. 3. Jessie, married Earl Brockway, lives at Glens Falls, New York. 4. Howard, lives at Massena, New York. He served in the Canadian Army during the World War and saw active service from 1914 until 1918, being decorated for valor by the Canadian government. He was wounded on four different occasions. 5. Ruth, at home.

After his graduation from the public schools of Burlington and Glens Falls, Earl James Kempton entered Syracuse University in 1910. He studied engineering for one year and in 1917 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the same institution after his graduation from the College of Arts. Doctor Kempton was located as an interne at St. Lawrence State Hospital, Ogdensburg, New York, during 1917-18, and in 1919 established his present private practice at Weedsport. He has taken graduate work in medicine at the Mayo Brothers Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and is a member of the staff of Auburn City Hospital. He also holds membership in the Cayuga County Medical Society, New York State, and American Medical Associations.

In 1919 Doctor Kempton married Miss Florence A. White, daughter of Edgar and Ida (Wheeler) White. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Weedsport. To Doctor and Mrs. Kempton have been born two children: Edgar George and Margaret Jane.

Mrs. Kempton is a graduate of Fine Arts College, Syracuse University, with the Bachelor of Science in Music.

Doctor Kempton is president of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Church, Weedsport, and belongs to Phi Kappa Psi and Nu Sigma Nu college fraternities, as well as the Chamber of Commerce.

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**Hon. Frank M. Parsons.**—Holding noteworthy rank in professional progress in Cayuga County, Frank M. Parsons has been in active practice in law for more than sixty years at Weedsport, and he has also served as a member of the General Assembly from this district. Mr. Parsons was born at Camillus, Onondaga

County, August 19, 1848, the son of David H. and Emeline (Mills) Parsons.

David H. Parsons was a native of Dutchess County and his wife was born at Memphis, New York. Both are deceased and are buried at Weedsport. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Parsons were born four children: 1. Frank M., the subject of this sketch. 2. Phoebe A., the widow of John Hayden, lives at Weedsport. 3. William S., lives at Kansas City, Missouri. 4. Mary, the widow of George Greene, lives at Weedsport.

David H. Parsons was the son of Joshua and Phoebe Parsons, both natives of New York. They are buried at Elbridge. Emeline (Mills) Parsons was the daughter of Samuel and Mary Mills, also natives and well known pioneer citizens of New York.

Frank M. Parsons grew up at Memphis, New York, where he received his early education. He is a graduate of Baldwinsville Academy, and in 1867 read law in the office of William B. Mills, of Weedsport. He then also taught school in the "pump district" at Brutus, Cayuga County, and during the summer months continued the study of law. During 1868-69, Mr. Parsons numbered sixty-eight pupils in his classes. The following year he taught school at Memphis and on September 8, 1870, was admitted to the New York State Bar. After a time he became associated with John F. Kingston, as a member of the firm of Parsons & Kingston, and this partnership continued until the death of the latter. In November, 1887, Mr. Parsons was elected to the New York Assembly and was re-elected for a second term. He was appointed confidential secretary in the office of the Attorney General of New York State in 1890, and later became deputy on writing opinions, and subsequently deputy. He served in the latter capacity until December 31, 1897, and at that time was appointed attorney for the excise department at Albany, which office he capably filled for three years. Since about 1900 Mr. Parsons has continued in private practice at Weedsport. He served as special county judge for one term, as president of the village, and as justice of the peace. For many years he has also been police justice.



In 1871 Mr. Parsons was united in marriage with Miss Hattie E. Bibbins, who died in 1912. She was the daughter of John W. and Eliza Bibbins, of Cayuga County. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Parsons: 1. Minnie L., lives at Weedsport. 2. Fred J., lives at Weedsport. He married Miss Eulalie Smith, and they have two sons, Robert Smith and Charles Frederick Parsons. 3. Eva H., lives at Weedsport.

Mr. Parsons has always been a Republican. He is a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with Weedsport Lodge No. 385, F. and A. M., Past Junior Deacon. He also is identified with the Cayuga County Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, and Weedsport Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Parsons was one of the founders of the Whittlers Club, of which he served as president.

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**Edward D. Guyder**, who is associated with the firm of Burns & Guyder, of Weedsport, is one of the city's most substantial business men and representative citizens. He is also serving as supervisor of the town of Brutus, having been elected to that office in November, 1931. Mr. Guyder was born at Elbridge, Onondaga County, New York, June 6, 1884, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Brown) Guyder.

Daniel Guyder was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, and his wife was a native of Salina, New York. He became a farmer in Onondaga County and owned ninety-five acres of land, being interested in dairying in this section for a period of thirty-six years. He died December 25, 1928, and is buried at Weedsport. His widow lives there. Mr. Guyder was a Democrat and held membership in St. Joseph's Catholic Church. There were six children in the Guyder family, as follows: 1. Charles, deceased. 2. James, deceased. 3. Mary, married James Coyne, lives at Skaneateles, New York. 4. Helen, deceased. 5. Edward D., the subject of this sketch. 6. Emmett, deceased.

Edward D. Guyder attended the district schools at Monroe Corners, Elbridge, and also was a student at Weedsport High School. For a time he was interested in farming, and in 1911

engaged in the transportation business at Wolcott, New York. The following year he sold the business and at that time came to Weedsport, where he followed the same line of work successfully until 1928. At that time his interests were taken over by F. L. Terpeney, and Mr. Guyder purchased the Kanley grocery establishment at Weedsport. The store was destroyed by fire in 1929 and Mr. Guyder then purchased a half interest in the firm of F. J. Burns & Company, the business thereafter being known as Burns & Guyder. They are local representatives of the International Harvester Company, and are dealers in fuel, feed and mason supplies.

In March, 1915, Mr. Guyder was united in marriage with Miss Frances Graney, the daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (Franey) Graney. Both were natives of New York and are now deceased. He spent many years in the employ of the New York Central Railroad Company. Mr. and Mrs. Guyder have no children.

In politics Mr. Guyder has always been a Democrat. He is the first Democrat to be elected to the office of supervisor of Brutus in forty-seven years. Henry Wood, Democrat, had been the last of that party to hold office almost a half century ago. Mr. Guyder holds membership in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and belongs to B. P. O. Elks No. 474, Chamber of Commerce, and Whittlers Club.

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**Herbert A. Robinson.**—Numbered among the most prominent professional men of Cayuga County is Herbert A. Robinson, of Weedsport, who has practiced law in that city since 1919. He is also serving as justice of the peace and village attorney. Mr. Robinson was born at Pompey, Onondaga County, New York, January 8, 1885, the son of Lewis Orlando and Fannie Fern (Fiske) Robinson.

Lewis Orlando Robinson successfully engaged in dairy farming for many years in Onondaga County, where he was born. He was the owner of 130 acres. Mr. Robinson retired in 1910 and died in 1915. His wife, born at Syracuse, died in 1927. Both are buried at Fabius, New York. Mr. Robinson was a Republican and held membership in the Methodist Church. The following



children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson: 1. Lewis F., who is field superintendent of the Niagara-Hudson Power Corporation, at Prospect, Oneida County. 2. Florence, deceased. 3. Ruby E., lives at Syracuse. 4. Herbert A., the subject of this sketch. 5. Allan O., lives at Prospect, Oneida County.

Lewis Orlando Robinson was the son of Lewis H. and Elizabeth (Tenney) Robinson, natives of Pompey and Fabius, respectively. Both are buried at Fabius. She was a relative of the Tenney who founded the old Franklin Press, later known as the Syracuse Journal. Fannie Fern (Fiske) Robinson was the daughter of Alexander and Helen (Boss) Fiske, who were natives of New York. Alexander Fiske served during the Mexican War from 1847 until 1849, and was wounded twice while in the service. He died from his injuries a year following the close of the war.

Herbert A. Robinson received his early education at Pompey and Fabius. After his graduation from Onondaga Valley High School in 1903 he received the degree of Ph. B. at Syracuse University in 1907. He then attended the Law School of Syracuse University for one year, after which he read law in the offices of Hiscock, Doheney, Williams & Cowie, Syracuse, and later with Higby & Lay, Syracuse. After his admission to the New York Bar in 1911, Mr. Robinson practiced his profession at Syracuse until 1916. The following three years were spent at Marion, Wayne County, and in 1919 Mr. Robinson located at Weedsport. He has been a member of the board of education for four years, and served as village clerk for four years. He was elected justice of the peace in 1921.

In 1911 Mr. Robinson was united in marriage with Miss Agnes Smiley, the daughter of Edward A. and Elizabeth (McComber) Smiley, the former a native of New York and the latter of Rhode Island. He resides at East Orange, New Jersey, and his wife is deceased. Before his retirement Mr. Smiley was actively identified with Lake Minewaska, New York, a resort, which he owned and operated. To Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have been born three children: 1. Shirley, a graduate of Weedsport High School, class of 1929, attends New Jersey College for Women. 2. Edward, a

graduate of Weedsport High School, class of 1932. 3. Herbert A., Jr., a student.

Mr. Robinson is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to Weedsport Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 385, Past Master, B. P. O. Elks, Phi Beta Phi fraternity, Whittlers Club, Cato Golf Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Cayuga County Bar Association.

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**Ira J. Kingsley**, who has since 1910 engaged in the general practice of law at Cato, is prominent in civic organizations there and holds the high regard of the entire community. He is the son of Herbert E. and Villa R. (Fox) Kingsley, born at Brookfield, Madison County, New York, July 12, 1885.

Herbert E. Kingsley was born at Columbus, Chenango County, New York, June 14, 1858, and he now resides at Syracuse. He was educated at Brookfield and taught school there for several years. He then spent fourteen years in the employ of the United States government as superintendent of the sub-letting of contracts for mail routes. This work took him to all parts of the country. In 1905 he engaged in the real estate business at Syracuse, where he has lived retired since 1927. He is a Republican and holds membership in Elmwood Presbyterian Church. Villa R. (Fox) Kingsley was born at Taylor, Cortland County, February 14, 1860, and died June 6, 1902. She is buried at Brookfield, New York. Mr. Kingsley married (second) Miss Lucy E. Andrews, of Oswego, New York. To Herbert E. and Villa R. (Fox) Kingsley were born four children: 1. Jennie L., lives at Colorado Springs, Colorado. 2. Phila M., lives at Cheyenne, Wyoming. 3. Freddie, deceased. 4. Ira J., the subject of this sketch.

Ira J. Kingsley grew up at Brookfield, Madison County, where he attended the public schools. He was graduated from Colgate Academy in 1904 and from the Law School of Syracuse University in 1909. After serving a clerkship in the offices of McGowan & Stolz, of Syracuse, Mr. Kingsley was admitted to the bar on November 16, 1909. He then established a private practice at Cato in May, 1910, where he has continued to the present time,





IRA J. KINGSLEY





being numbered among the highly successful lawyers of Cayuga County. He was admitted to the United States Courts on October 8, 1923. At the present time Mr. Kingsley is attorney for the town of Ira and village of Cato. He has also been village clerk of Cato since 1912, and supervisor of the town of Ira since 1922, and chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Cayuga County in 1928. From 1913 until 1921 he was justice of the peace at Ira, and in 1915 was a member of the Cato High School Board. For many years Mr. Kingsley has been a member of the Cayuga County Republican Committee of the First District of Ira. He is a member of the Cayuga County Bar Association and Northern New York Bar Association.

On August 4, 1915, Mr. Kingsley was united in marriage with Miss Jennie A. Loomis, the daughter of Orange E. and Jennie (Lawson) Loomis, natives of New York. Both are deceased and are buried at Hubbardsville, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley have no children.

Mrs. Kingsley served as Matron of Cato Star Chapter, No. 234, O. E. S., in 1918-19-20.

Mr. Kingsley has always been a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Cato Golf Club. His lodge affiliations are: Cato Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 141, master in 1921; Jordan Chapter, R. A. M., No. 317; Salem Town Commandery, K. T., No. 16; Masonic Club of Cato; Cato Star Chapter, O. E. S., No. 234, Past Patron; Past Assistant Grand Lecturer of Cayuga-Tompkins District, O. E. S.; and Past Noble Grand of Northern Cayuga Lodge, No. 728, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Kingsley is a director of the First National Bank of Cato.

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**Rev. John M. Ball**, who is pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church at Cato, has a wide acquaintance throughout Cayuga County and is highly esteemed. He was born at Rochester, New York, May 24, 1889, the son of Edward C. and Maria (Kavanaugh) Ball.

Edward C. Ball was born at Rochester, August 13, 1859, and now resides at Cato. He was a carpenter in early life and for many years was a successful contractor and builder. He has lived retired since 1915. Mr. Ball is an independent voter, and holds membership in St. Patrick's Catholic Church. His wife was also born at Rochester and died in 1911. She is buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester. Their children were: 1. John M., the subject of this sketch. 2. Julia, in religious life known as Sister Edward Marie, and a teacher in St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Auburn. 3. Rev. Edward, who is assistant pastor of St. Stephen's Catholic Church and principal of De Sales Institute, Geneva, New York.

John M. Ball was educated in the parochial schools of St. Monica, Rochester, and in 1909 was graduated from St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary. He then was graduated from St. Bernard's Theological Seminary in 1915, being ordained to the priesthood, June 12, 1915, by Bishop Hickey, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester. During 1915-17 Father Ball was a member of the faculty of Rochester Catholic High School as well as assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church. He became assistant at St. Mary's Church in Auburn on February 14, 1918, and on June 18, 1919, was transferred to Palmyra, New York, as assistant pastor of St. Anne's Catholic Church. Father Ball returned to Auburn in April, 1920, as assistant at St. Mary's Church, and on August 1, 1925, assumed his duties as pastor of St. Patrick's Church at Cato, and at the same time took charge of St. Thomas' Catholic Church at Red Creek, New York.

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**St. Patrick's Church, Cato, New York.**—Before the organization of a parish and the erection of a church edifice, the Catholics in the vicinity of Cato were ministered to by the following priests from St. Joseph's Church, Weedsport, New York: Rev. Joseph Albinger (1863); Rev. J. Leddy (1864); Rev. C. Wensurski (1865); Rev. N. Byrne (1866-67); Rev. M. Purcell (1868); Rev. James O'Connor (1868); Rev. Anthony Cassessi (1869-72); Rev. John C. Kenny (1872-75). During this time, services were conducted and



Mass was celebrated in private homes where the worshippers were accustomed to assemble. The home of Jeremiah and Hannah Conley, just north of the four corners in Meridian, served as a church for some time. Mass was also celebrated in the home of Thomas Fitzgerald (now owned and occupied by Frank Henry), and later in a church building (just west of the Lehigh Railroad) formerly occupied by the congregation of the Dutch Reformed Church. This building has since been demolished.

In 1872, Rev. John C. Kenney, of Weedsport, began plans for the erection of a church building on Mechanic Street in Cato. The land was purchased from Allen Holcomb. The building was completed by the fall of 1863, the builder being Malachy Grace, of Weedsport. For three years Cato was an out-mission of Weedsport.

In November, 1876, Rev. Henry Koenig was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Cato, New York, and St. Thomas's Church, Red Creek, New York, with residence in Red Creek. He was succeeded on August 26, 1877, by the Rev. John Codyre, who remained till January 1, 1878. At his departure, Rev. D. M. O'Donoghue took charge of the two parishes and worked zealously till June, 1881, when he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Weedsport. Due to his energy and labor, the church indebtedness was greatly reduced. Rev. Dennis Curran began a brief pastorate which ended early in 1882. In 1882, Father James Day came to Cato as pastor. It was during his pastorate that the parochial residence was moved from Red Creek to Cato. In 1884, the much beloved Father William Morin took up the work in the Cato parish and continued till May, 1891. He was succeeded by Rev. Joseph Ruby.

Father Ruby's pastorate extended over the long period of sixteen years. During this period, a great deal of work in every department of church activity was accomplished by the energetic and zealous pastor. Additional land was acquired, the Philo Rockwell residence was bought and remodeled to suit the purposes of a rectory. The effect of Father Ruby's apostolic spirit and self-sacrificing labors are very much in evidence today. His work was ably carried on for six years by Rev. Thomas F. O'Connor. Rev.

Patrick Smith came from St. Mary's, Auburn, to Cato in 1913. He effected remarkable improvements in the Church properties during his two years' administration. In 1915, Rev. Thomas Lochren was appointed pastor and continued the good work of his predecessors. During his ten years as pastor, Father Lochren endeared himself to the members of his two parishes by his zeal for the cause of the Church and by his broad human understanding and sympathy. The present pastor, Rev. John M. Ball, was appointed by the Most Reverend Thomas F. Hickey on August 1, 1925.

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**Eugene M. Rich.**—One of the enterprising and highly successful business men of Cato, where he is engaged in the wholesale produce business, is Eugene M. Rich, who is a member of a distinguished pioneer family of Cayuga County. He was born at Auburn, June 12, 1891, the son of Hon. Adelbert P. Rich, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history.

Eugene M. Rich obtained his early education in the grade and high schools of Auburn. He is a graduate of Mercersburg Academy and Colgate University. Mr. Rich began his business career in the sales department of the Warner Sugar Company, New York City. He came to Cato in 1914, where he had extensive farming interests until 1918. He has since been identified with the E. M. Rich Wholesale Produce Company and is well known as a shipper of fine produce throughout the United States.

In 1916 Mr. Rich was united in marriage with Miss Clara Remington, the daughter of Frank and Grace (Wright) Remington, of New York. Mr. Remington was a pharmacist and for many years was the proprietor of a drug store at Auburn. Both he and his wife are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Rich have a daughter, Harriet, a student.

Mr. Rich is a Republican in politics and has served as justice of the peace. In 1926 he was appointed supervisor of Cato to fill an unexpired term, and in November, 1927, was elected to that office. He was re-elected in 1929 and again in 1931. Mr. Rich is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to Delta Kappa



Epsilon fraternity, Owasco Country Club, and Cato Golf Club. He is Past Master of Cato Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 141.

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**Hon. Adelbert P. Rich.**—Having spent his entire professional career in Auburn, where he rose to be one of the outstanding figures in professional circles, Judge Adelbert P. Rich, retired, served as Justice of the Supreme Court continuously from 1901 until 1930, and he is among Cayuga County's most honored and esteemed citizens. Judge Rich was born at Cato, Cuyaga County, May 16, 1860, the son of Capt. Frank R. and Frances W. (Petty) Rich.

Capt. Frank R. Rich was born at Cato, Feb. 3, 1835, and died March 26, 1883. He received a common school education and read law in his father's office, being admitted to the New York Bar in 1855. He then successfully practiced law at Cato until the time of his death. He was also United States Loan Commissioner for many years. He served throughout the Civil War, being a captain in the 111th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. Captain Rich was a member of Cato Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 151, being Past Master. He was married on June 15, 1859, to Miss Frances W. Petty.

Frank R. Rich was the son of George R. Rich, who was born at Fort Ann, Washington County, New York, in 1809. In 1834 George R. Rich removed to the town of Ira in Cayuga County. He engaged in farming and also read law as a clerk in the office of Judge Humphries. Mr. Rich was admitted to the bar in 1842 and to the United States courts in 1848. From 1859 until 1867 he was United States Loan Commissioner, an office later held by his son. George R. Rich spent his professional career at Cato and died there in 1889. He was married on April 23, 1834, to Miss Margaret Ann Wood.

Adelbert P. Rich was educated at Cato Union School and Academy. He also attended private schools. Later, he read law with his father and in April, 1882, gained admission to the New York State Bar at Rochester. In the fall of that year he located in private practice at Cato. During 1881-82 he was president of the

board of health and during 1881-84 was a member of the board of education. In 1884 Mr. Rich removed to Auburn, where he formed a partnership with John A. Dutton. Later, he was associated with E. C. Aiken until 1901. For several years Mr. Rich served on the Auburn Board of Health. He was elected and served as special county judge during 1883-86, and from 1887 until 1893 was district attorney of Cayuga County. In 1901, as mentioned above, Judge Rich was elected Justice of the Supreme Court.

On August 7, 1881, Judge Rich was united in marriage with Miss Ida M. Chase, of Cato. Their children are: 1. Bertha, married E. F. Metcalf, lives at Auburn. 2. Frank, lives at Cato. 3. Laura, married Heywood Bartlett, lives at Rochester. 4. Eugene M., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history. 5. Harold, a World War veteran, lives at Buffalo.

Judge Rich is a member of the National Republican Club of New York City, Hamilton Club of Brooklyn, Genesee Valley Club, Owasco Country Club, and Auburn Chamber of Commerce.

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**Ernest G. Tabor.**—Among Cayuga County's most substantial citizens may be mentioned Ernest G. Tabor, who for many years has held the office of clerk of the county board of supervisors. He is a native of Cayuga County, born at Ira, July 29, 1864, son of Daniel H. and Elsie Martha (Scutt) Tabor.

Daniel H. Tabor, who died in 1902, was a well known business man of Meridian for many years. He was born on a farm near Cazenovia, Madison County, and in early life was interested in farming and dairying. He subsequently became senior member of the tobacco firm of D. H. Tabor & Company, buyers and shippers of high grade tobaccos. During 1878-79 he served as supervisor of Ira, and he also held the office of superintendent of highways for several terms. Mr. Tabor was a lifelong Republican and attended the Baptist Church. His wife was born in Columbia County, New York, and died in 1906. Both are buried at Meridian. Their children were: 1. George, deceased. 2. Frank, deceased. 3. Nathaniel, deceased. 4. Elsie, deceased. 5. Ernest G., the subject of this sketch. 6. Charles, deceased.



The boyhood of Ernest G. Tabor was spent at Meridian and he attended the public schools. He is also a graduate of Mead Business College in Syracuse. After several years as a general farmer, Mr. Tabor became identified with the leaf tobacco business, being associated with D. H. Tabor & Company. Later the firm was reorganized as Tabor & Dudley. Mr. Tabor's public career began in February, 1894, when he was elected supervisor of the town of Cato, Cayuga County. He served in that capacity until November 16, 1906, and at the latter date was elected clerk of the board of supervisors of Cayuga County. With the exception of the years 1909 and 1910, Mr. Tabor has held that office continuously since 1906. He has also been village trustee.

In 1883 Mr. Tabor was married (first) to Miss Nett L. Clark, who died in 1914. She was the daughter of Harry and Achse (Thomas) Clark, the former a native of Clark Hollow, and the latter of Onondaga County, New York. Both are buried at Meridian. To Ernest G. and Nett L. (Clark) Tabor was born a daughter, Thola Nett, who is librarian for the Syracuse Journal. Mr. Tabor married (second) Edith (Hawker) Taber, daughter of Ernest and Jenny Hawker, both deceased.

Mr. Tabor is a Republican, and belongs to B. P. O. Elks No. 474, Hollister Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and United Commercial Travelers.

Mr. Tabor takes an unusual interest in the collection of Indian relics and also has a fine display of birds which are identified with Cayuga County.

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**James D. Bloomfield.**—A member of one of the oldest and best known pioneer families of Cayuga County, James D. Bloomfield, of Meridian, is a substantial citizen of the community in which he lives. He is commissioner of elections in Cayuga County. Mr. Bloomfield was born at Cato, Cayuga County, June 17, 1877, the son of Charles A. and Elizabeth (Fancher) Bloomfield.

Charles A. Bloomfield was born at Cato in 1837 and died in 1911. He spent ten years in the produce business in New York City, but with the exception of that time his entire life was spent

as a general farmer in Cayuga County. He owned 170 acres and was especially interested in the growing of grain and tobacco. At the time of his death Mr. Bloomfield was living retired. His wife was born at Cato in 1836 and died in 1925. Both are buried at Meridian. Mr. Bloomfield was a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to Jordan Lodge, F. and A. M. To Mr. and Mrs. Bloomfield were born three children: 1. Harriet, married Howard Follett, lives at Weedsport. 2. Robert, who died in 1914. 3. James D., the subject of this sketch.

Charles A. Bloomfield was the son of Robert Bloomfield, who was one of the first settlers of Cato, and a prosperous farmer of this section. Elizabeth (Fancher) Bloomfield was the daughter of Stephen Fancher, a native of Connecticut and an early settler of Cato. He served as sheriff of Cayuga County and took an active and prominent part in the early history of the community.

James D. Bloomfield obtained his education in the public schools of Meridian and in 1895 was graduated from Jordon High School. He remained on his father's farm until 1908, at which time he purchased the general mercantile business of A. M. West at Meridian, which was thereafter known as J. D. Bloomfield. He was identified successfully with this enterprise until 1923, when he disposed of his interests and liquidated the business. In that year he was appointed superintendent of Section No. 6, New York Barge Canal, with headquarters at Waterloo, New York, but after one year in that capacity he resigned. In 1926 Mr. Bloomfield was appointed commissioner of elections in Cayuga County, being re-appointed in 1928-30. He had been elected supervisor of the town of Cato in November, 1919, and held that office continuously until 1927, at which time he resigned to assume his present duties. As supervisor of Cato, Mr. Bloomfield was the first Democrat to hold that office for a period of thirty-five years. He is now president of the Meridian Board of Education.

In 1908 Mr. Bloomfield was united in marriage with Miss Bernice Lockwood, daughter of George and Belle (Busby) Lockwood, natives of Cato. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Weedsport. Mr. and Mrs. Bloomfield have a son, James L., who attends Meridian High School.



Mr. Bloomfield has always been a Democrat. He has the following lodge and club affiliations: Cato Lodge No. 141, F. and A. M.; B. P. O. Elks, No. 474; Hollister Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Masonic Club; Cato Golf Club; and United Commercial Travelers.

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**Allen Ames**, who is a veteran of the World War, is well and favorably known at Port Byron, where he was born, April 4, 1898. He is the son of William and Elizabeth (Holmes) Ames.

William Ames was a native of Port Byron. He was a photographer by profession and was located at various places in New York State. At the time of his death in 1900 he was living at Port Byron. He held the office of street commissioner and was a Democrat in politics. He also was a member of the Methodist Church. His widow, born at Clyde, New York, resides at Rochester. Their children were: 1. John, lives at Rochester. 2. Hazel, deceased. 3. Van Dorsen, deceased. 4. Howard, lives at Rochester. He is a veteran of the World War, and served as a member of the 308th Infantry, 98th Division. 5. Allen, the subject of this sketch.

Allen Ames attended Port Byron High School. He was employed in the offices of the International Harvester Company in Auburn until his enlistment for service in the World War in April, 1917. He was sent to Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, and later transferred to Camp Wilson, San Antonio, Texas. From there he later went to Fort McIntosh, Laredo, Texas, as a member of the Sixth Infantry, and he was sent to France with a casual company. He was next transferred to the Fifth Ammunition Train and attended an infantry school in France. He participated in the St. Mihiel offensive and Pouveneoul sector's activities, being discharged on July 24, 1919. In May, 1927, Mr. Ames enlisted as a private in the 174th Regiment, 44th Division, at Buffalo, and in June was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant. He resigned in October, 1929, and is now a second lieutenant in the 513th Regiment, Coast Artillery Corps, Anti-Aircraft, Officers Reserve

Corps. He belongs to John Cool Post No. 257, American Legion, Past Commander; Cayuga County Department of the American Legion, Past Commander; "40 and 8" Society; and Coast Artillery Association.

After his discharge from the Army in 1919, Mr. Ames became a salesman for the National Cash Register Company, at Rochester. He entered the railway mail service in May, 1921, and worked in Buffalo, New York City, and Pittsburgh. He is now identified with the service between New York City and Syracuse.

In 1927 Mr. Ames was united in marriage with Miss Maude D. Kirkby, the daughter of John and Charlotte Kirkby, of Brockville, Ontario. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Brockville. Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ames, John Allen and Richard Kirkby.

Mr. Ames is a Republican, and belongs to Port Byron Lodge No. 130, F. and A. M., Masonic Club, Port Byron Sportsmen's Association, and Chamber of Commerce.

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**William O. Rabourn, M. D.**, is of the younger generation of physicians and surgeons in Cayuga County, and is engaged in successful practice at Port Byron. He is a native of New York, born at Cooperstown, December 16, 1905, the son of Ossian and Leonora (Southard) Rabourn.

Ossian Rabourn was born in Indiana, but has spent many years as a resident of Syracuse, New York, where he is now chief linotype operator for the Syracuse Herald. In early life Mr. Rabourn was a school teacher. He is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and is affiliated with Otsego Lodge, F. and A. M. Leonora (Southard) Rabourn was born at Elk Creek, New York, and is a member of a well known pioneer family of that section of the State. Mr. and Mrs. Rabourn's only child is William O., the subject of this sketch.

The early education of William O. Rabourn was received in the public schools of Cooperstown and Syracuse, and in 1923 he was a member of the graduating class of Central High School,



Syracuse. He received the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine at Syracuse University in 1927 and 1931, respectively. During 1930-31 he was an interne in Good Shepherd Hospital, Syracuse, and in November, 1931, located at Port Byron. He is an active member of the Cayuga County Medical Society, and also belongs to the New York State Medical Association and American Medical Association.

In 1931 Doctor Rabourn was united in marriage with Miss Mary Van Pelt, the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Ryan) Van Pelt, natives of New York and Ireland, respectively. Mr. Van Pelt died in December, 1930, and is buried at South Butler, New York. His widow still resides there.

In politics Doctor Rabourn is identified with the Republican party. He holds membership in the First Baptist Church, Chamber of Commerce, Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Kappa Kappa fraternities.

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**Harry R. Warren** is outstanding among the successful business men of Cayuga County, being the owner of a coal, lumber and builders' supply business at Port Byron, which was established by his father more than sixty years ago. He was born there, June 7, 1877, the son of Richard and Elizabeth (Day) Warren.

Richard Warren was born at Finedon, Northamptonshire, England, May 31, 1840. His wife was a native of Axebridge, England, born December 25, 1846. Their marriage took place at Port Byron, May 10, 1870. Mr. Warren had come to this country with his mother in 1852, his father having settled in Will County, Illinois, near Joliet, in 1847. His parents were James and Ann (Warner) Warren, both natives of England. There were six children in the Warren family: Richard, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, James and Thomas, all deceased. After the death of his father, Richard Warren returned to Port Byron with his mother. He learned the trade of wagonmaker and was thus engaged from 1859 until 1862. He then enlisted for service in the Civil War and served as a member of Company F, 111th New York Volunteer

Infantry. Mr. Warren was wounded at the battle of Petersburg, Virginia. He was discharged with the rank of sergeant, May 25, 1865. In 1876, in partnership with John Litts, the firm of Litts & Warren became organized. They became extensive dealers in coal and lumber in Port Byron, and in 1886 Mr. Warren purchased his partner's business, and the enterprise continued as Richard Warren until 1903, at which time his sons, Howard W. and Harry R. Warren, became members of the newly organized firm of Richard Warren & Sons. The firm continued until the death of Howard W. Warren in 1909, thereafter being known as Richard Warren & Son, and upon the death of the elder Mr. Warren in February, 1914, the entire organization came under the management of Harry R. Warren, subject of this sketch. Richard Warren was a Republican, and held the offices of village president and trustee. He was treasurer and trustee of the Presbyterian Church for many years, and Past Commander and Adjutant of Lockwood Post, No. 175, Grand Army of the Republic, Port Byron, New York. Elizabeth (Day) Warren died January 1, 1930. Both Mr. and Mrs. Warren are buried at Port Byron. Their children were: 1. Mary L., deceased. 2. Nellie, deceased. 3. Adelaide, lives at Port Byron. 4. Harry R., the subject of this sketch. 5. Howard W., who died in 1909. 6. Irvin R., lives at Port Byron. 7. Alice L., married Robert Donaldson, lives at Port Byron. 8. Nellie, II, deceased.

The education of Harry R. Warren was received in the public schools of Port Byron, from which he was graduated in 1894. He took two years of graduate work in the high school before becoming associated with his father's coal and lumber business, as mentioned above. Mr. Warren is also secretary and director of the Port Byron Telephone Company.

On June 28, 1905, Mr. Warren was united in marriage with Miss Maude L. Tebo, the daughter of Ambrose and Hattie (Newport) Tebo, natives of Potsdam and near Jordan, New York, respectively. Both are deceased and are buried at Baldwinsville. Mr. and Mrs. Warren have two children, Helen M. and Robert L.

Mr. Warren is a Republican and for seventeen years has held the office of justice of the peace, four years of which time he also



was village trustee. He was a member of the Republican Town Committee for many years. In November, 1925, he was elected supervisor, and has been re-elected to the latter office in 1927-29-31. He was also elected chairman of the board of supervisors of Cayuga County in 1932. He is chairman of the Cayuga County Work Relief Committee. Mr. Warren is a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he has served as trustee since 1910, and he belongs to Port Byron Lodge No. 130, F. and A. M., Past Master; Rock Springs Lodge No. 568, I. O. O. F., Past Noble Grand; Sons of Veterans; Seneca River Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

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**Irvin R. Warren.**—One of the most progressive business men of Cayuga County is Irvin R. Warren, merchant miller, of Port Byron. He was born at that place, June 7, 1881, the son of Richard Warren and Elizabeth (Day) Warren.

A complete biography of Richard Warren, prominent pioneer business man of Cayuga County, appears elsewhere in this history in the sketch of Harry R. Warren.

Irvin R. Warren obtained his education in the public schools of Port Byron and Auburn. In 1900 he became a bookkeeper for C. E. Wethey Hardware Company, at Port Byron, and from 1902 until 1906, was bookkeeper for the Nye & Wait Carpet Company, of Auburn. During the following year Mr. Warren was superintendent of the latter concern, and in 1907 he became a partner in the flour and feed business with which he is now identified, being associated until 1909 with Thomas W. Warren. Mr. Warren is now sole owner of the enterprise.

On June 23, 1907, Mr. Warren married Miss Alice Pulford, of Marathon, New York, the daughter of Frank A. and Rose A. (Spargur) Pulford. Both were born in New York and died in 1901 and 1910, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Warren have been born three children: 1. Doris E., a teacher of dramatics. 2. Richard F., who is associated in business with his father. 3. Carol J., a student.

Mr. Warren has always been a Republican and has held the office of village mayor. He and his family are active members of the Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to the Masonic Lodge.

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**Robert Lansing Zabriskie.**—As vice president of the Aurora National Bank and treasurer of Wells College, the career of Robert Lansing Zabriskie has long been identified with the business and civic life of the community. He was born at Aurora, October 23, 1872, the son of N. Lansing and Louise F. (Morgan) Zabriskie.

A complete sketch of the life of N. Lansing Zabriskie appears elsewhere in this history.

After his graduation from Cayuga Lake Military Academy at Aurora, Robert Lansing Zabriskie entered Princeton University, from which he received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Electrical Engineer in 1895 and 1897, respectively. He then went to New York City with the Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Company, General Engineers, and later was identified with the New York Telephone Company as an engineer. He returned to Aurora in 1904 and during the following year was appointed treasurer of Wells College, which office he has most capably and efficiently filled for many years. He became associated with the interests of the Aurora National Bank as a director in 1905 and in 1926 was elected vice president. Mr. Zabriskie is also president of the Park Company, 41 Park Row, New York City.

Mr. Zabriskie was married (first) in 1899 to Miss Aubin M. Wells, who died at Aurora in 1917. She was the daughter of Robert W. and Lucy F. (Hutchins) Wells, natives of Mississippi, both now deceased. To Robert Lansing and Aubin M. (Wells) Zabriskie were born three children: 1. Louise Morgan, married William F. Redfield, lives at Montclair, New Jersey, and they have two children, Aubin Louise and William Francis, Jr. 2. Aubin Wells, married S. Frank Fowler, lives at Knoxville, Tennessee, and they have three sons, S. Frank, Jr., Robert Zabriskie, and James Lansing. 3. Robert Wells, who is a student at Yale University.

Mr. Zabriskie married (second) in 1922 Miss Hazel Everingham, the daughter of Sumner and Mary (Hart) Everingham, of



Chicago, Illinois. He served as a member of the Chicago Board of Trade for many years and is now retired.

Mr. Zabriskie is a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, of Aurora. He is also a trustee of the Aurora Public Library.

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**Lloyd S. Riford.**—As vice-president of the Beacon Milling Company, Inc., of Cayuga, Lloyd S. Riford ranks among the community's most progressive citizens. He was born at Randolph, Vermont, April 27, 1889, the son of Horace Payne and Clarissa (Walker) Riford.

Horace Payne Riford, deceased, was a native of Lincoln, Vermont. He was a successful dairy farmer and owned a well improved farm for many years. At the time of his death he was living retired. Mr. Riford died in 1907 and his wife died in 1914. Both are buried at Randolph, Vermont. He was a Republican and served as a member of council and as school director. He was a member of the Congregational Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Riford were born six children: 1. Ruth, married Gilbert W. Hamilton, lives at Melrose, Massachusetts. 2. Earl, lives on the homestead in Vermont. 3. Charles, lives at Korbel, California. 4. Percy, lives at Royalton, Vermont. 5. Phillip, deceased. 6. Lloyd S., the subject of this sketch.

The boyhood of Lloyd S. Riford was spent at Randolph, Vermont, where he attended the public schools. After his graduation from high school in 1908 he entered Dartmouth College for one year. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science at the University of New Hampshire in 1914, and the degree of Master of Arts at the University of Missouri in 1915. During the following two years Mr. Riford was instructor in dairy husbandry at Rutgers College, as well as dairy husbandman of the New Jersey Experimental Station at New Brunswick, New Jersey. During 1917-20 he served as production manager for the Walker-Gordon Laboratory Company, at Plainsboro, New Jersey, and in the latter year purchased a farm on West Genesee Road, Auburn, where he resides at the present time. Mr. Riford is prominent as a suc-

cessful breeder of pure bred Guernsey cattle. He has been identified with the Beacon Milling Company, Inc., since 1920 and has held the offices of secretary and vice-president.

In 1917 Mr. Riford was united in marriage with Miss Florence Trimmer, daughter of Thomas C. and Josephine (McNally) Trimmer, of Waltham, Massachusetts. The former resides there and is a retired watch manufacturer. His wife is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Riford have two children, Lloyd Stephen, Jr., and Nancy Elena.

Politically, Mr. Riford is a Republican. He is an elder of the Second Presbyterian Church, member of Sea & Field Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 3-974, Y. M. C. A., and belongs to Sigma Nu, Alpha Zéta, and Sigma Xi fraternities. He also holds membership in the Rotary Club and Auburn Country Club, and is identified with the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association and American Guernsey Cattle Club.

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**Frederick Sefton, M. D.**—He is a native of Portwood, Great Portwood, Chestershire, England, the son of James and Katherine (Goodwin) Sefton. He is in direct line of descent from Thomas Sefton, M. A., D. D., Oxon., (1553-1631), Prebend of Heathfield, and Canon Residentiary of Chichester Cathedral.

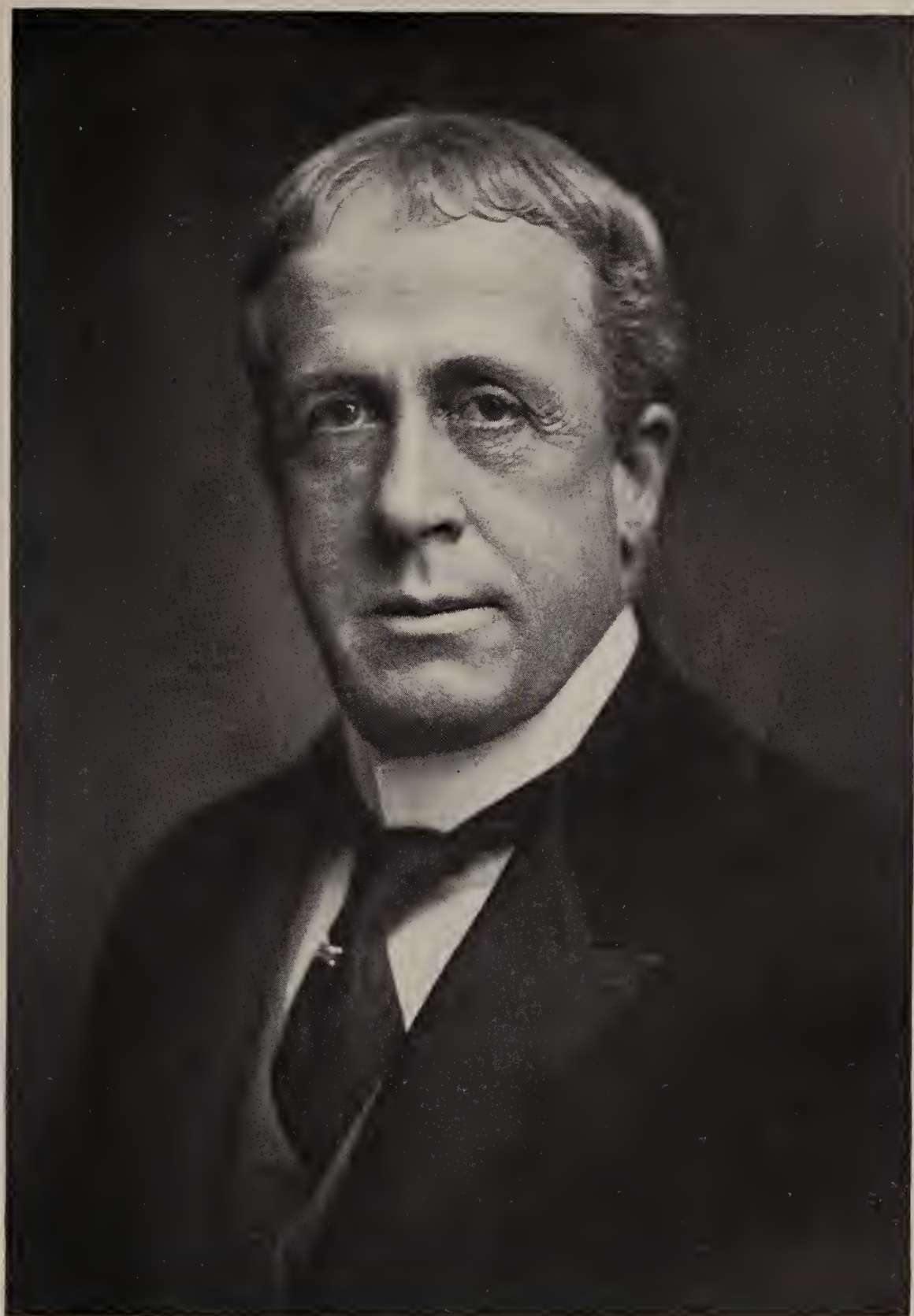
Doctor Sefton's father was engaged in the exportation of mill machinery to the United States, and in farming. He was a native of Chestershire.

His mother born in Shropshire was of county farming stock.

Doctor Sefton was privately educated in England and in the United States. He took the degree of M. D., at Yale University, 1884. He continued his medical studies in London and Paris during 1884-1885, specializing in mental and nervous diseases; 1886-1901 he served as Senior Medical Officer and Acting Superintendent of the New York State Asylum for Insane Criminals. Since 1891 he has been in private practice as specialist in mental and nervous diseases.

He has been a trustee of the Auburn Savings Bank since 1907, and its vice-president since 1925. From 1907 to 1931 he was a





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director of the Cayuga County National Bank, and since 1931 of the united Auburn-Cayuga Bank and Trust Company. He has been president of the Y. M. C. A. Board of Trustees since 1909, and President of the Board of Trustees of the Seymour Public Library since 1925. He was a member of the Board of Education, 1907-1913. He was Active Chairman of the Building Committee of the Case Memorial Building; the present Junior High School building; the Lincoln and the Seward Schools; the Auburn City Hospital; the St. Peter's Church Parish House.

In 1890, Doctor Sefton married Maude Milligan Fitch. They have had three children: Katherine Sefton Page, deceased; and Wilfred Sefton, M. D., and Pennington Sefton, who reside in Auburn.

Doctor Sefton is a vestryman of St. Peter's Episcopal Church; a life member of the American Psychological Association; a member of the Auburn City Hospital staff, the County and State Medical Societies. He is a Free Mason; a State Visitor of the Willard State Hospital. He is a member of the Lotos Club of New York; the Owasco Country Club; the Auburn Chamber of Commerce; the Auburn Rotary Club.

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**William S. Finney**, who is the capable and well known postmaster of Cayuga, is a veteran of the Spanish-American and World wars. He was born in the town of Aurelius, Cayuga County, January 22, 1877, the son of William S. and Martha (Wiley) Finney.

William S. Finney, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. Both he and his wife were natives of the town of Aurelius. In 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted in Battery C, Ninth New York Heavy Artillery, and he served with that outfit throughout the war period, being discharged in 1865. He was severely wounded at the battle of Winchester and suffered injuries which subsequently caused his death in 1893. His wife died in 1926. Both are buried at Cayuga. Mr. Finney was a Republican and held membership in the Methodist Church. There were seven children in the Finney family, as follows: Augustus, de-

ceased; George, deceased; Guy, merchant, lives at New Hartford, New York; William S., the subject of this sketch; Olen, lives at Phoenix, New York; Zaida, married John Townsend, lives at Auburn; and Ray, lives at Syracuse, New York.

William S. Finney was the son of George E. Finney, who was a native of Massachusetts and one of the first settlers of Cayuga County, where he is buried. He was a farmer. Martha (Wiley) Finney was the daughter of Horace E. Wiley, a native of Scotland. He also was a pioneer in the town of Aurelius and became an expert cabinetmaker and craftsman.

After his graduation from Cayuga High School in 1895, William S. Finney spent three years in the employ of the Auburn City Railway Company. In June, 1898, he enlisted as a member of Company M, Third New York Volunteer Infantry, and served throughout the Spanish-American War, being discharged as a private on November 30, 1898. During the following two years he was again employed by the Auburn City Railway Company. From 1900 until 1903 he was identified with the Rochester & Sodus Bay Railway Company, and in the latter year was appointed railway mail clerk between Syracuse, New York, and New York City. During 1907-17 Mr. Finney served as a factory inspector in the New York State Department of Labor, six months of which were spent as assistant electric railway inspector under the New York State Public Service Commission.

In August, 1917, Mr. Finney enlisted in the United States Army and was sent to Fort Niagara, New York, where he attended the officers' training school. He received the commission of second lieutenant and was transferred to Camp Lewis, American Lake, Washington, where he remained for a short time, later being attached to Company D, Thirty-eighth Machine Gun Battalion. He was discharged as a second lieutenant, December 3, 1918. From 1919 until 1922 Mr. Finney was identified with the Crown Willamett Paper Company as an accountant, being located in their offices at Astoria, Oregon, Truckee, California, Floriston, California, and Los Angeles, California. In the latter year Mr. Finney returned to the East. He has held the office of postmaster of Cayuga since January 22, 1927, being appointed during the admin-



istration of President Coolidge. He is identified with the New York State League and National League of District Postmasters.

On December 2, 1903, Mr. Finney was united in marriage with Miss Ada Stark, the daughter of Josiah and Nancy Stark, of Williamson, New York. Ada (Stark) Finney died in 1924 and is buried at Williamson.

Mr. Finney is a Republican, a member of Salem Town Lodge F. & A. M. No. 326, Buffalo Consistory, thirty-second degree, and Major Lawton Post, United Spanish War Veterans.

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**John Henry Witbeck, M. D.**, is outstanding among Cayuga County's most prominent professional men, and has successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Cayuga since 1888. He was born at Fleming, Cayuga County, October 31, 1865, the son of Wilbur Tuttle and Mary J. (Hall) Witbeck.

Wilbur Tuttle Witbeck was born at Fleming, Cayuga County, and engaged in general farming until 1890. He then located at Moravia, New York, as district manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and later served in the same capacity at Cayuga. He was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to Salem Town Lodge F. & A. M. No. 326. Both Mr. and Mrs. Witbeck are deceased and are buried at Cayuga. They were the parents of two children: 1. John Henry, the subject of this sketch. 2. Luella, married John McIntosh, both deceased.

Wilbur Tuttle Witbeck was the son of Henry and Sally (Tuttle) Witbeck, natives of New England. They were early settlers and successful farmers of Fleming, Cayuga County. Henry Witbeck was the son of Thomas Witbeck, a native of Holland, who served throughout the War of 1812. The gun carried by Thomas Witbeck in the service is now in the possession of Dr. John H. Witbeck.

John Henry Witbeck is a graduate of the district schools of Cayuga County and in 1884 completed a course of study at Cazenovia Seminary. He received the degree of Doctor of Medicine

at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, in 1888, and during the following year served as interne in Bellevue Hospital. His entire professional career has been spent at Cayuga; in 1916 he took a special course in laboratory and public health study at Syracuse University. He has been health officer of the town of Aurelius and village of Cayuga since 1889, and is a member of the staffs of Auburn City Hospital and Mercy Hospital. He is also identified with the Cayuga County Medical Society, New York State Medical Association, American Medical Association, New York State Public Health Association, and Cayuga County Tuberculosis Association.

Doctor Witbeck was married (first) to Miss Harriet Garrettson, deceased. She is buried at Madison, New York. He married (second) Miss Veronica McCarthy, daughter of Charles P. and Mary (Brown) McCarthy, of Elmira, New York. Mr. McCarthy died in 1932 and his widow lives at Auburn. He was a prominent citizen and served as fire commissioner, alderman, and school director of Auburn. Doctor and Mrs. Witbeck have a daughter, Dorothy, who is a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy and Syracuse University.

Politically, Doctor Witbeck is a Republican. He has been a member of Salem Town Lodge No. 326, F. & A. M., since 1889.

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**Harry F. Clark.**—As mayor of Union Springs, Harry F. Clark takes a prominent part in business and civic affairs, and is a representative citizen of Cayuga County. He was born at Union Springs, May 18, 1875, the son of William H. and Margaret M. (Simmons) Clark.

William H. Clark was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Manlius, New York, and as a young man enlisted in Company F, First Regiment, New York Volunteer Cavalry. He was injured in the service and was discharged with the rank of sergeant. Mr. Clark had learned the trade of tinner in the employ of the Woodworth Hardware Company at Union Springs, and subsequently purchased an interest in the store. He later became



sole owner of the enterprise, and afterward was associated with his son, Harry F., subject of this sketch. The business was conducted as William H. Clark & Son, and continued until 1899, at which time the elder member of the firm retired. Mr. Clark died in 1913. He was a Republican and served on the school and village boards. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic. His wife was born at Homer, New York, and died in 1915. Both are buried at Union Springs. There were two sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Clark: 1. William G., deceased. 2. Harry F., the subject of this sketch.

Harry F. Clark grew up at Union Springs and soon after attending high school and Oakwood Seminary, he became associated with his father in the hardware business. As mentioned above, it was sold in 1899 and in the following year Mr. Clark purchased a farm of 100 acres at Springport, Cayuga County, which he still owns. He returned, however, to Union Springs in 1912, and since 1916 has been identified with George S. Fordyce's business as bookkeeper. They are dealers in coal, lumber and grain.

In 1896 Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Miss Charlotte M. Myers, the daughter of Frank G. and Stella (Tallman) Myers, the former a native of Union Springs and the latter of Scipio, New York. He is deceased and his widow lives at Union Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have a son, William Robert. He is a graduate of Union Springs High School and lives at home.

Mr. Clark has always been a Republican. He has served as assessor and village trustee for several terms, and is now mayor of Union Springs, being elected to the latter office in March, 1930. He was also elected supervisor of the town of Springport in November, 1929, and re-elected in 1931.

Mr. Clark is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with Warren Lodge F. & A. M. No. 147, Frontenac Lodge No. 52, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Cayuga County Farm Bureau.

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**Norman L. Woodford, M. D.**—A prominent citizen of Union Springs and a leader in his profession in Cayuga County, is Doctor Woodford, one of the younger physicians and surgeons in this

section of the state. He was born at Marcellus, Onondaga County, August 22, 1898, the son of Clarence and Marian (Waldron) Woodford.

Clarence Woodford, a native of New York, was born at Pompey. He is now in the employ of the United States Postal Service and resides at Marcellus, where his wife holds the office of postmaster. She received her first appointment during the Harding administration. Both Mr. and Mrs. Woodford are Republicans and hold membership in the Presbyterian Church. He is affiliated with Morning Star Lodge No. 524, F. & A. M., Past Master; and Charles H. Platt Chapter, R. A. M., Past High Priest. To Mr. and Mrs. Woodford were born seven sons, as follows: 1. Hugh, coal dealer, lives at Marcellus. 2. Kenneth, United States Postal Service, lives at Syracuse, New York. 3. Vernon, district passenger ticket agent for the Southern Railroad Company, lives at Charleston, South Carolina. He served in France during the World War with the United States Marine Corps. 4. Norman L., the subject of this sketch. 5. Harvey, assistant cashier, First National Bank, Marcellus. 6. Austin, stock transfer department of the American Railway Express, National Bank, New York City. 7. Glenn, United States Postal Service, Syracuse.

The early education of Norman L. Woodford was received in the public schools of Marcellus, from which he was graduated in 1915. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Syracuse University in 1919, and in 1921 was graduated from the Medical School of Syracuse University with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. As an interne, Doctor Woodford was located at the Hospital of the Good Shepherd, Syracuse, and in 1922 established a private practice at Union Springs. He has taken graduate work in New York City, and is a member of the staffs of Mercy Hospital and Auburn City Hospital. He is also identified with the American Medical Association, New York State Medical Society, and Cayuga County Medical Society, Past Vice President. Doctor Woodford is health officer for the towns of Springport and Fleming, and village of Union Springs.

In 1922 Doctor Woodford was united in marriage with Miss Helen E. Welsh, daughter of Robert and Mary (Scott) Welsh,



natives of Galashiels, Scotland. The former died in Scotland and the latter resides at Marcellus, New York. For many years Mr. Welsh was superintendent of the Crown Woolen Mills of Marcellus. To Doctor and Mrs. Woodford have been born four daughters: Sarah Jean, Claire Marian, Norma Agnes, and Mary Elizabeth.

Doctor Woodford is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with Warren Lodge No. 147, as Junior Deacon, Union Springs Chapter No. 179, R. A. M., High Priest. He is also a member of Union Springs board of education.

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**Elsie V. Webb**, who has been identified with the Union Springs post office for more than thirty years, is a highly esteemed and widely known citizen of Cayuga County. She was born at Cortland, New York, the daughter of C. O. and Esther (Olds) Webb.

C. O. Webb was a native of Lafayette, Onondaga County, New York. In early life he was a millwright and later became identified with the installation of milling machinery. In this capacity he traveled throughout the United States and was well known among manufacturers. Mr. Webb was living retired at the time of his death in 1913. His wife, also born in Onondaga County, died in 1893. Both are buried at South Onondaga. Mr. Webb was a Republican and belonged to Warren Lodge No. 147, F. & A. M. To Mr. and Mrs. Webb were born three children: 1. Almond, deceased. 2. Lillie, married J. W. Patterson, lives at Moravia, New York. 3. Elsie V., the subject of this sketch.

Elsie V. Webb received her education in the public schools of Union Springs. Her parents removed to Moravia when she was still an infant, and about fifteen years later came to Union Springs where she has since resided. She was graduated from Union Springs High School in 1900 and on August 17, 1901, entered the local post office as assistant postmaster. She has held the office of postmaster since 1924, being appointed in 1924 and again in 1928 by President Calvin Coolidge. Miss Webb is a member of the New York State League of District Postmasters and National League of District Postmasters.

Miss Webb is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is Past Patron of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter No. 339. She also is treasurer of Springport Red Cross Association and trustee of Springport Free Library.

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**William M. Murray**, who is identified with the Finger Lakes Creamery, of Union Springs, is recognized as one of the able business men of Cayuga County. He was born at Auburn, November 2, 1881, the son of John D. and Barbara (McCaull) Murray.

John D. Murray was a native of Scotland, and a member of the historic and romantic Murray clan, whose fame in the annals of Scotland equals that of Bruce or Wallace. In 1871 John D. Murray became a resident of Cayuga County, and for a number of years was a salesman for the old hardware firm of Terrell, Johnson & Company. After severing these connections he engaged with Choate Brothers as bookkeeper, and remained in their employ for a number of years. In 1897 he received an appointment at the Auburn Prison as an officer, and in May, 1900, was promoted to assistant superintendent of industries at the prison. Three years later he became superintendent, and served in that capacity until his death in February, 1911. He is buried in Auburn. Mr. Murray was credited with being one of the most efficient public officials ever connected with the Auburn institution. His widow still lives in this city. He was a Republican and belonged to B. P. O. Elks No. 474. To Mr. and Mrs. Murray were born five children: 1. Douglass, who died in 1907, was a representative newspaper man in Washington, D. C., at the time of his death. 2. Grace, who died in 1907. 3. William M., the subject of this sketch. 4. John D., who was killed in action during the World War. His death occurred on September 28, 1918, at the closing stage of the war while he was serving as a member of Company E, Three Hundred and Ninth Infantry, Seventy-eighth Division. He is buried in the St. Mihiel American Cemetery, Theaucourt, France. 5. Isabella M. Remington, lives at Auburn.

After attending the Auburn Public Schools, William M. Murray entered Cornell University where he specialized in the study



of agriculture and dairying. He received his diploma at that institution in 1907, and began his business career with Springer & Mead, of Moravia. They purchased a creamery at Sempronius, New York, and conducted the business under the firm name of William M. Murray & Company. Mr. Murray sold his interests in 1915, and at that time came to Union Springs where he became associated with the grocery firm of Lamb & Murray. Three years later the business was reorganized as Mesereau & Murray, and in 1920 Mr. Murray retired from the partnership. He then organized the Finger Lakes Creamery in association with W. D. Griffith. It ranks among the finest and most modern creamery plants in Central New York and has an extensive market for its products at Auburn, Syracuse, and throughout Pennsylvania.

In 1913 Mr. Murray married Miss Mabel Rynders, the daughter of Albert and Harriet (Ingram) Rynders, both natives of Cayuga County. They live at Sempronius. To Mr. and Mrs. Murray have been born two sons: 1. Bruce R., a graduate of Union Springs High School, class of 1931, now a graduate student at the high school. 2. Douglas, a student.

Politically, Mr. Murray is a Republican, and he has served as justice of the peace since 1922. He also is president of the Board of Education. He is a trustee and deacon of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with Moravia Lodge No. 41, F. & A. M.; Union Springs Chapter No. 179, R. A. M., Past High Priest; Frontenac Lodge No. 152, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Past Noble Grand; and Cayuga County Farm Bureau.

During 1901-06 Mr. Murray served as a member of the Second Separate Company, New York National Guard, and was discharged with the rank of corporal.

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**Mayor Thomas A. Leffingwell.**—Recognized as a leader among the progressive young men of Cayuga County is Thomas A. Leffingwell, who is mayor of Aurora, and owner of "Hygh-Fylde Farms." He was born at Brooklyn, New York, November 29, 1896, the son of Dr. Albert and Dr. Elizabeth (Fear) Leffingwell.

A complete sketch of the late Doctor Leffingwell appears elsewhere in this history.

Thomas A. Leffingwell attended the Aurora public schools and in 1914 was graduated from Somes School. He then spent two years at Harvard University and in 1918 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Cornell University. During the World War Mr. Leffingwell was a member of the Student Army Training Corps. Since the completion of his university work he has been identified with the successful management of "Hygh-Fylde Farms." He is widely known throughout the State of New York as a breeder of pure bred Guernsey cattle and also has an extensive dairy business, being a wholesale and retail dealer. He is a prominent member of the New York State Guernsey Breeders Association.

Politically, Mr. Leffingwell is a Republican. He was village trustee from 1919 until 1931 and in the latter year was appointed to the office of mayor to fill an unexpired term. He is a member and trustee of the Presbyterian Church.

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**Albert Leffingwell, M. D.**—In the death of Doctor Leffingwell in Aurora on September 1, 1916, the medical profession lost one of its outstanding leaders and the State itself gave up one of its greatest humanitarians. Doctor Leffingwell was one of the founders and directors of the Dansville Sanitorium and was recognized throughout the medical world for his knowledge of vivisection.

Albert Leffingwell was born at Aurora, New York, February 13, 1845, the son of Dr. Elisha and Jane E. (Jackson) Leffingwell. His early education was received in the public schools of Aurora and he was a graduate of Hamilton College. He then became an instructor at the Brooklyn (New York) Polytechnical Institute, and in 1874 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Long Island Hospital. Doctor Leffingwell then resided abroad and engaged in scientific research and study during 1875-79, and during 1881-82 traveled extensively in Japan, China, and Burma. During 1882 he also traveled in India, Africa and Spain, and from



1889 until 1890 was a resident of Palestine, Egypt. Doctor Leffingwell lived in Russia in 1905 and during 1906 was American Consul at Warsaw, Poland. He served as trustee of Wells College during 1912-16. He was identified with Dansville Sanitorium in 1862, known earlier as Jackson Sanitorium. Later, in 1882, after the burning of the main building of the sanitorium, Doctor Leffingwell became associated with his brothers, Drs. Elisha D. and William E., and Dr. James H. Jackson, and they erected the new hospital, which passed entirely to the control of Doctor Jackson in 1888. In 1895 Albert Leffingwell returned to the village of his birth, Aurora, where he continued in private practice and study until his death. Prominent among the writings of Doctor Leffingwell are the following: "Rambles in Japan Without a Guide," published in 1892; "Illegitimacy and Influence of Seasons Upon Conduct," published in 1892; "Vivisection in America," published in 1894; "The Leffingwell Record," published in 1905; "Morality in London," published in 1908; "An Ethical Problem or Side-lights Upon Scientific Experimentation on Man and Animals," published in 1914. The latter is recognized as the crowning literary achievement of Doctor Leffingwell.

In 1880 Doctor Leffingwell was the author of the first defense of the Republican doctrine of protection to American industries that ever found place in an English periodical. It was later extensively used in political campaigns throughout the United States.

Doctor Leffingwell was a life member of the Long Island Historical Society, founder and first secretary of the American Society for Regulation of Vivisection, and president during 1904-1905 of the American Humane Association.

In 1871 Doctor Leffingwell married (first) Miss Mary C. Hathaway, who died in 1886. He married (second) in 1892 Dr. Elizabeth Fear, of Dansville, New York, now a resident of Aurora. Their children were: 1. Albert Fear, who is identified with the advertising firm of Riegel & Leffingwell, New York City. He is a World War veteran, having served in France as a member of the Intelligence Department, 108th Infantry, 27th Division. 2. Thomas Arthur, a sketch of whom appears in this history. 3. Dana Jackson, who died March 7, 1930.

**Harry E. Anthony, M. D.**—One of the able physicians and surgeons of Cayuga County, Doctor Anthony, of Moravia, also has gained an extensive reputation as a playwright. He was born at Groton, New York, December 3, 1878, the son of Alonzo D. and Mary (White) Anthony.

Alonzo D. Anthony, who died in 1927, was a native of Virgil, New York. As a young man he served an apprenticeship as a machinist and he followed that trade for many years, being foreman in the American Road Roller Company at Groton, New York. At the time of his death he was living retired. Mr. Anthony was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to Groton Lodge, F. and A. M. His wife was born near South Lansing, New York, and died in 1880. Both are buried at Groton. To Mr. and Mrs. Anthony were born four children: 1. Jay, deceased. 2. William, deceased. 3. Anna, married Calvin Jacobs, both deceased. She was widely known as a writer of poetry. 4. Harry E., the subject of this sketch.

Harry E. Anthony attended the public schools of Groton, from which he was graduated in 1895. He spent two years at Syracuse University, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and in 1901 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the University of Maryland. During his senior year he took interne work in the Maryland General Hospital. Doctor Anthony began the private practice of medicine at Locke in 1901 and four years later was appointed to the medical staff of the Dr. Given's Sanatorium of Stamford, Connecticut, where he headed the men's department. The following year he came to Moravia to establish his practice. While engaged in the general practice of medicine, Dr. Anthony is especially interested in the treatment of diseases of the eye. He took his post-graduate work in the eye at the Post Graduate Medical and Hospital in 1907 in New York City, and holds membership in the Cayuga County Medical Society, New York State, and American Medical Associations.

Doctor Anthony married (first) in 1904 Miss Bessie Gorman, who died during the same year. She was the daughter of Charles and May (Demmon) Gorman, who are residents of Locke. Doctor Anthony married (second) Dr. Martha Annie Howe, of Marl-



boro, Massachusetts, the daughter of Warren Howe, deceased. She is a graduate of Women's Medical College, class of 1900, and was for three years a member of the staff at the Dr. Given Sanatorium. To Doctor and Mrs. Anthony were born two sons: 1. Warren A., who died in 1929, buried in Indian Mound Cemetery, Moravia. 2. Eugene, a graduate of Moravia High School, class of 1931, being valedictorian of his class. He now attends Syracuse University.

Doctor Anthony is coroner's physician in southern Cayuga County and health officer of Moravia. He is trustee of the board of education and president of the Chamber of Commerce. He is also trustee of the Congregational Church, and is affiliated with Sylvan Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 41, and St. John the Baptist Chapter, R. A. M. No. 30.

The following comedies have been written by Doctor Anthony: "Old Doc Spivens"; "Bill Hudson P. P. P."; "Horace's Nightmare"; "Step On It"; "When the Bubble Burst", for which he has received royalties; and "It Won't Be Long Now."

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**Reginald P. Davis.**—Among the most prominent citizens of Cayuga County is Reginald P. Davis, who is the owner of "Hidden Spring Fruit Farm," near Weedsport. He was born at Seabright, New Jersey, August 1, 1893, the son of Charles and Ida P. (Williams) Davis.

Charles Davis and his wife were born in Massachusetts, the former at Medford and the latter at Roxbury. In early life Mr. Davis engaged in the cordage business and he later was a successful merchant in Boston, Massachusetts. He was living retired at Milton, Massachusetts, at the time of his death in 1929. His widow resides at New Rochelle, New York. Mr. Davis was a Republican and held membership in the Unitarian Church. There were five children in the Davis family: 1. Nathaniel, deceased. 2. Pauline, first married Davis Hutchins, deceased. She subsequently married Hugh Watkins and lives in the suburbs of London, England. 3. Suzette, married George Beavers, lives at

Ardasley-on-Hudson, New York. 4. J. Winthrop, lives at Stonington, Connecticut. 5. Reginald P., the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from Milton Academy in 1912, Reginald P. Davis entered Harvard University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in 1917. At the outbreak of the World War he enlisted for service and was assigned to duty in Company M, 314th Infantry, 79th Division. He was severely gassed during action on the Meuse Argonne offensive and was discharged in January, 1919. Mr. Davis was interested in the teaching profession from 1920 until 1930 and was identified with schools in Texas, Colorado, California and New Mexico. In February, 1931, he purchased the old Bentley homestead of sixty-nine acres from David L. King. Mr. Davis has set out hundreds of fine fruit trees and is one of the most scientific agriculturists in this section of the State.

In 1922 Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Miss Jessie G. Sites, the daughter of Eugene and Frankie Sites, who are residents of Elyria, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have two children, Madelaine and Charles. Both attend private schools.

Mr. Davis is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to B. P. O. Elks, No. 474, and Cayuga County Farm Bureau. He is adjutant of Clarence Clark Post No. 568, American Legion.

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**F. Howard Slayton.**—As proprietor of "Meadow Springs Farm," Mr. Slayton is recognized as one of the able and successful farmers of Cayuga County. He is also interested in the hay, grain and produce business at Port Byron. Mr. Slayton was born at Conquest, Cayuga County, February 20, 1893, the son of Thomas Jefferson and Ida (Wilcox) Slayton.

Thomas Jefferson Slayton was born at Conquest, Cayuga County, November 23, 1869, and died in 1910. His wife was a native of Ira, Cayuga County, born April 5, 1873, and she died in 1930. Both are buried at Conquest. He was a general farmer and a member of one of the county's oldest and most prominent



pioneer families. He was a Republican and although very active in local affairs he never aspired to public office. He was trustee and Sunday school superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Past Noble Grand and charter member of the I. O. O. F. He also belonged to the Grange. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Slayton was F. Howard, the subject of this sketch.

Thomas Jefferson Slayton was the son of Francis Howe and Mary Ann (Olmstead) Slayton. He was born at Conquest, November 1, 1836, and his wife was born at Victory, Cayuga County, November 2, 1840. Both are buried at Conquest. He was a farmer. Francis Howe Slayton was the son of Thomas Jefferson and Harriet M. (Lake) Slayton. Thomas J. Slayton was born at Conquest, July 11, 1806, and his wife was a native of Connecticut, born July 9, 1805. They are buried at Conquest. Thomas Jefferson Slayton was the son of Elijah and Hannah (Howe) Slayton. Elijah Slayton was born September 22, 1777, and his wife was born December 7, 1785. They are also buried at Conquest. Thomas Slayton was a native of Great Britain and emigrated to the United States, thus being the founder of the family in this country. He was married in 1707 to Hannah Culwood.

F. Howard Slayton grew up at Conquest and received his early education there. He attended Port Byron High School. After the death of his father he became manager of the farm and in 1917 purchased another farm of 140 acres at Conquest. The following year he added another farm of eighty-one acres to his holdings, and in partnership with Charles Aldrich he operates a tract of 196 acres. Since 1922 Mr. Slayton has also been interested in the hay, grain, cattle and produce business, and he is widely known as a shipper.

In 1912 Mr. Slayton was united in marriage with Miss Mabel G. Tyler, daughter of Charles H. and Grace A. (Wallace) Tyler. The former is a native of Cayuga County and the latter of Oswego County. He is connected with the New York State Highway Department. To Mr. and Mrs. Slayton have been born four children: 1. Eleanor, is a graduate of Port Byron High School and is taking a postgraduate course at the Port Byron High School. 2. Rachael. 3. Mary E. 4. Thomas Jefferson, 3rd.

Mr. Slayton has always been a Republican and for a period of four years was Republican County Committeeman. He has also been trustee of the town board of education and since 1923 has served continuously as supervisor of the town of Conquest. He was chairman of the board during 1930.

Mr. Slayton is a trustee of the Methodist Church, and is affiliated with Cato Lodge F. & A. M. No. 141, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Grange, Cayuga County Farm Bureau, and Auburn Rotary Club.

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**Ezra L. Lain**, who is successfully engaged in business in Elmira, as a dealer in farm implements, and also as proprietor of the Southern Tier Storage and Sales Company, is a native of Chemung County. He was born in the town of Ashland, March 31, 1882, the son of Tim E. and Mary (Crane) Lain.

Tim E. Lain was born on a farm near Wellsburg, where he spent his early life as a farmer. He was also a teacher in the district schools of Chemung County for ten years. In later years he engaged in dairy farming. Mr. Lain died November 11, 1918. He was a Democrat and served as highway commissioner. He was also trustee of the school district for twenty-five years. He was a member of the Wellsburg Methodist Episcopal Church and belonged to Chemung Valley Lodge, No. 350, F. and A. M.; and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, charter member and district deputy in 1904. His wife was born at Fassett, Pennsylvania, and died February 29, 1889. They are buried at Wellsburg, New York.

Tim E. Lain was the son of Lawrence Lain, who settled on a farm near Wellsburg in 1837. The original Lain homestead is still in the possession of the family.

To Tim E. and Mary (Crane) Lain were born two children: 1. Ezra L., the subject of this sketch. 2. Lois C., married Arthur Boughton, lives at Rochester, New York.

Ezra L. Lain obtained his education in the public schools in the town of Ashland, Chemung County, New York. In 1901 he en-





EZRA L. LAIN





tered the employ of G. A. Morley, at Reading Center, New York, as an apprentice blacksmith and horseshoer, and three years later he became identified with the shops of J. E. Reddick, at Dundee, New York. In 1905 Mr. Lain returned to Wellsburg, where he engaged in business until 1922. He then established his present business in Elmira as a dealer in farm implements, and in January, 1931, removed to his present location, 700 Madison Avenue. He is the local representative and dealer for the International Harvester Company for this locality.

On February 15, 1906, Mr. Lain married (first) Miss Jessie M. Bennett, of Montoursville, Pennsylvania. She was born July 25, 1871, and died August 15, 1915. She was the daughter of George M. and Sarah (Wood) Bennett, natives of Bradford County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Bennett died in 1912 and his wife died January 29, 1919. They are buried at East Smithfield, Pennsylvania. To Ezra L. and Jessie M. (Bennett) Lain was born a son, Raymond L., born December 28, 1908. He is a graduate of Wellsburg High School, Meeker Business College, and Cazenovia Seminary. He married Miss Lonnelle Walker, of DeRuyter, New York, and they have a daughter, Beverly Joan, born July 12, 1931.

Mr. Lain married (second) on April 11, 1919, Miss Anna Smith, a native of East Smithfield, Pennsylvania, born November 29, 1881. She is the daughter of D. G. and Jennie (Scott) Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, natives of Bradford County, Pennsylvania, died in 1916 and 1918, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Lain have a son, Smith L., born June 10, 1922.

Mr. Lain is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Wellsburg, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Chemung Valley Lodge, No. 350, F. and A. M., past master; Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M., past high priest; Southern Tier Council, No. 16, R. and S. M.; St. Omer's Commandery, No. 19, K. T., Elmira; Elmira Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R.; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Wellsburg Lodge, No. 760, past grand; Chemung County Farm Bureau; Elmira Rotary Club; Association of Commerce, and Sons of the American Revolution, Newtown Battle Chapter.

Mr. Lain and his family reside at Wellsburg.

**P. M. Rathbun.**—One of the most representative men of Cayuga County, widely known throughout Central New York, is P. M. Rathbun, who is owner and publisher of the *Moravia Republican-Register*. He was born at Poplar Ridge, Cayuga County, February 5, 1875, the son of George and Sarah J. (Main) Rathbun.

George Rathbun was born at Moravia in 1838. He became one of the most successful farmers in this section and specialized in dairying. His wife was also born here. Both are deceased and are buried in Indian Mound Cemetery, Moravia. Mr. Rathbun was a Republican and held various public offices. He was one of the five charter members of Moravia Lodge, I. O. O. F. To Mr. and Mrs. Rathbun were born three children: 1. Bertrand, deceased. 2. P. M., the subject of this sketch. 3. Eva, deceased.

George Rathbun was the son of Amos and Jane A. (Robinson) Rathbun. Amos Rathbun was born at Venice, New York, September 11, 1801, and died October 2, 1874. He was a farmer and is buried at Moravia. The founder of the family in America was Richard Rathbone, who was born in 1574. He married Marion Whipple, who was a sister of Capt. John Whipple. During the early history of the family in this country the spelling of the name was changed to "Rathbun." A complete genealogical record was written in 1898 by John C. Cooley, of Oswego, New York.

P. M. Rathbun obtained his education in the public schools of Moravia, from which he was graduated in 1891. He taught school in the rural districts for three years and in 1896 became owner of the *Moravia Republican*. Five years later it was merged with the *Moravia Valley Register* and was re-named the *Moravia Republican-Register*. Mr. Rathbun has continued as its owner to the present time and his connection with the publication has proven most successful. It is published weekly on Thursday.

In 1903 Mr. Rathbun was united in marriage with Miss Mabel C. Shove, the daughter of George E. and Mary (Keeney) Shove, both natives of New York. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Homer, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Rathbun have no children.



Mr. Rathbun is a Republican and for fourteen years held the office of town clerk. He is affiliated with Sylvan Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 41, Past Master; St. John the Baptist Chapter R. A. M. No. 30, Past High Priest; Owasco Valley Chapter O. E. S. No. 30, Past Patron; and Masonic Club. He was the first president of the local Chamber of Commerce.

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**Albert A. Morse**, who is associated with John Morse & Sons, grocers, is recognized as one of the dependable merchants of Moravia. He was born at San Francisco, California, May 23, 1880, the son of John and Carrie (Parker) Morse.

John Morse is a native of Moravia. In early life he went west to Denver, Colorado, and later to San Francisco, California, where he conducted a meat business for seven years. He returned to Moravia, however, in 1882, and farmed until 1900. He then established a grocery business, with which he is still identified with his sons. Mr. Morse is a Democrat, a member of the Congregational Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Past Noble Grand. Carrie (Parker) Morse was born in San Francisco, California, and died September 7, 1883. She is buried in Indian Mound Cemetery, Moravia. To this union were born two sons: 1. Albert A., the subject of this sketch. 2. Edwin K., of Moravia. John Morse married (second) Miss Ella Lowe, of Moravia. They have a son, Elmer L.

Albert A. Morse grew up at Moravia, and was educated in the public schools. He is also a graduate of Rochester Business College. He became stockman for Beadle & Sherberne, of Rochester, and later was office clerk in the employ of Lindsely & Kerr, of Rochester. During 1899-1901 he clerked in the grocery store of James M. Thomas, at Moravia, and from 1902 until 1913 operated a farm near Niles, Cayuga County. Since 1913 Mr. Morse has been manager of the business of John Morse & Sons.

In 1901 Mr. Morse was united in marriage with Miss Bertha DeWitt, who died March 26, 1925. She was the daughter of George and Alice (Abbie) DeWitt, of Niles, New York. Both

are buried at Owasco, New York. To Albert A. and Bertha (DeWitt) Morse was born a son, Charles Lee, who lives at Leonia, New Jersey. He is a graduate of Syracuse University. He married Miss Katherine Tilney, and they have a daughter, Nanette Alberta. He is identified with the American Doughnut Machine Corporation, New York City.

Mr. Morse married (second) on August 10, 1926, Miss Anna Dennis, daughter of Volney and Mary (Brown) Dennis, natives of Niles, New York. Both are deceased and are buried at Kelloggsville, New York.

Mr. Morse has always been a Democrat. He served as town clerk from January 1, 1918, until January 1, 1922, and as supervisor from 1922 until 1928, being re-elected to the latter office again in 1932. Mr. Morse is trustee and treasurer of the Congregational Church, and is affiliated with Sylvan Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 41, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Past Noble Grand, and Past District Deputy Grand Master, Cayuga District No. 2, I. O. O. F. He has been president of the Chamber of Commerce and Cayuga County Agriculture Corporation.

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**George H. Perkins**, mayor, is among the substantial and highly esteemed citizens of Port Byron and Cayuga County. He was born at Sodus, Wayne County, May 11, 1873, the son of George W. and Sarah (Tinklepaugh) Perkins.

George W. Perkins was a native of Sodus, New York, born December 21, 1823. His wife was born there also, January 18, 1845. Their marriage took place January 26, 1870. Mr. Perkins died March 1, 1885, and his wife died February 14, 1913. Both are buried at Sodus. For a number of years Mr. Perkins conducted a ship chandlery in New York City and later owned a fleet of boats on the old Erie Canal. His boats plied between Buffalo and New York City with headquarters in Port Byron, and a number of his captains became notable characters in the history of that era in navigation. Mr. Perkins was a Republican, a member of the Episcopal Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge.



The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Perkins was George H., the subject of this sketch.

George W. Perkins was the son of Horace and Harriet (Terry) Perkins. Horace Perkins was born at New Hartford, New York, October 14, 1796, and his wife was a native of Enfield, Connecticut, born May 30, 1799. He died January 3, 1867, and she died September 26, 1854. They are buried at Port Byron. Horace Perkins was a veteran of the War of 1812 and served in the company of Captain Claudius V. Boughton, General Peter B. Porter's Brigade, New York State Volunteer Cavalry. He served as postmaster of Port Byron, and from March 3, 1853, until December 31, 1856, was justice of the peace of the Town of Mentz, Cayuga County. He also was police justice from May 18, 1859, to May 19, 1863.

Horace Perkins was the son of Dr. Richard, Jr., and Elizabeth (Nichols) Perkins. He was born at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, in 1766, and was a graduate of Harvard University. He became a prominent physician and practiced at Whitestown, New York. Richard Perkins, Jr., was the son of Dr. Richard, Sr., and Mary (Hancock) Perkins. Richard Perkins, Sr., was born in 1730, and was a native of Massachusetts. He also was a graduate of Harvard University and practiced medicine at Framingham and Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Mary (Hancock) Perkins was a sister of Governor John Hancock. Dr. Richard Perkins, Sr., was the son of Rev. Daniel and Annie (Foster) Perkins. Rev. Daniel Perkins was born at Topsfield, Massachusetts, June 13, 1697, and his wife was born November 8, 1699. They are buried at West Bridgewater, Massachusetts. He was a graduate of Harvard University, and was pastor of the Church of England. Rev. Daniel Perkins was the son of Capt. Tobijah and Sarah (Denison) Perkins. He was born at Weymouth, Massachusetts, October 20, 1646, and his wife was a native of Topsfield, Massachusetts. He served as a member of the Legislature and was very active and prominent in military and political affairs. Capt. Tobijah Perkins was the son of Rev. William and Elizabeth (Wooton) Perkins. He was born in London, England, August 26, 1607, and emigrated to America on March 9, 1632, on the vessel "William

and Francis." He settled at Boston, Massachusetts, and was a minister of the Church of England. He with eleven others laid out the village of Ipswich, Massachusetts. He was a surveyor and military band leader and was awarded a land grant for his activities.

George H. Perkins attended the Port Byron High School as well as Albany Business College. He became a bookkeeper and stenographer, and in 1899 became associated with the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company, with offices in New York City. He became assistant sales manager but in 1925 resigned and removed to Port Byron, where he has since lived retired. In 1928 Mr. Perkins was appointed mayor to fill the unexpired term of the late George Newkirk, and in March, 1929, he was elected to that office, being re-elected in 1931.

In 1915 Mr. Perkins was united in marriage with Miss Lettie M. Carpenter, the daughter of Edwin and Ruth A. (Thomas) Carpenter, the former a native of Centerport and the latter of Owasco, New York. Both are deceased. He was an owner of boats on the Erie Canal and was the son of Nathaniel Bowen and Mary (Horton) Carpenter, natives of Centerport, New York.

Politically, Mr. Perkins is a Republican. His lodge affiliations are: Port Byron Lodge F. & A. M. No. 130; and Rock Spring Lodge No. 568, I. O. O. F. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

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**Clarence Gray Parker.**—After a most successful career as a lawyer in Moravia for forty years, Clarence Gray Parker died there, March 29, 1932. He had gained a wide reputation in the courts of Cayuga County and Central New York and was highly esteemed. Mr. Parker was born at Montville, New York, August 27, 1867, the son of Otis Gray and Hannah Lovina (Richmond) Parker.

Otis Gray Parker was a native of Niles, Cayuga County, as was his wife. Both are deceased and are buried in Indian Mound Cemetery, Moravia. He was a miller.



Clarence Gray Parker was educated in a little brick schoolhouse at Montville and later attended Moravia High School. He also was a pupil of Hosea Curtis. Mr. Parker began reading law in the office of the late Hon. S. Edwin Day and that of Frank S. Curtis before entering the Law School of Cornell University. In 1891 he was graduated from that institution as an honor student and with the degree of LL. B. He specialized in the study of history and political science. Mr. Parker received special mention for his graduation thesis, which ranked among the five best in the class of 1891, and he has since been cited by the Law School as an authority in criminal work. After his admission to the bar on January 8, 1892, Mr. Parker opened an office at Moravia, which he continued until 1903. He then became associated with the late James A. Wright, and the firm of Wright & Parker continued until 1912. From the latter date until his death Mr. Parker conducted a private practice. As deputy attorney general he obtained titles for the state of the properties which compose Filmore Glen State Park, and his efforts in that line were commended by the attorney general.

On May 23, 1894, Mr. Parker was united in marriage with Miss Edith Emma Morse, the daughter of Albert and Abbie F. Morse, of New York. The former is deceased and the latter lives at Moravia. Mr. and Mrs. Parker had two sons: 1. Carlton W., born September 30, 1896, a graduate of Moravia High School, class of 1916, attended Central City Business College, and was employed as a clerk in the office of the adjutant general at Washington, D. C., in 1917. He farmed at Moravia from 1919 until 1927, and is now identified with the Main Line Filling & Service Station, Moravia. 2. Albert Richmond, a graduate of Moravia High School, class of 1929. He is associated in business with his brother.

Politically, Mr. Parker was a Republican, and for many years he served as a member of the local board of education. During his term as president of that body the new high school building was erected. He was also one of the founders of the Citizens Bank of Locke, of which he served as director and attorney. He was a vestryman of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, and was affiliated with Moravia Lodge No. 510, I. O. O. F.

**William Fitts.**—One of the most representative citizens of Cayuga County is William Fitts, who lives retired at Moravia. He was born there, March 14, 1866, the son of Hon. Leander and Mary S. (Smith) Fitts.

Hon. Leander Fitts was born at Sempronius, Cayuga County, in May, 1822, and his wife was a native of the same place, born in 1826. He died in April, 1891, and she died in January, 1890. Both are buried in Indian Mound Cemetery, Moravia. Leander Fitts was a graduate of Albany Teachers' Institute and taught school in Tompkins and Cortland counties. Later, he was a merchant at McLean, Tompkins County, and for a time he was also bookkeeper at the First National Bank of Syracuse. He later became bookkeeper at the First National Bank of Cortland and in 1864 was appointed cashier of the First National Bank of Moravia. He served in the latter capacity until his death. Mr. Fitts was a Republican and served several terms as supervisor for the town of Moravia, and served for two terms, 1888-1891, as a member of the General Assembly. He was treasurer of the board of education from its inception until his death, and also was president of that body. He was a member of the Universalist Church, at McLean. To Leander and Mary S. (Smith) Fitts were born twins: 1. William, the subject of this sketch. 2. Louise, who died in 1907. She is buried in Indian Mound Cemetery, Moravia.

Leander Fitts was the son of Martin and Miriam (Dresser) Fitts. Martin Fitts was born in Massachusetts, in October, 1791, and his wife was born in 1793. He died in April, 1876, and she died in October, 1866. Both are buried in Sand Hill Cemetery, Sempronius, New York. He was a farmer throughout his life. Martin Fitts was the son of John and Rebecca (Dresser) Fitts, natives of Charlton, Massachusetts. Their marriage took place October 12, 1775. He was born in 1747 and died May 11, 1836. His wife was born May 6, 1757, and died April 7, 1841. Both are buried at Charlton, New York. John Fitts was the son of Robert, Jr., and Kezia (Towne) Fitts. Robert Fitts, Jr., was born November 9, 1718, and died in September, 1754. His wife was born in February, 1715, and died in 1839.



Robert J. Fitts, Jr., was the son of Robert, Sr., and Hannah (Dike) Fitts. Both were natives of Ipswich, Massachusetts. He was born in July, 1690, and was an extensive land owner. Robert Fitts, Sr., was the son of Abraham, Jr., and Mary (Ross) Fitts. Their marriage occurred January 9, 1693. Abraham Fitts, Jr., died in 1714. He was the son of Abraham, Sr., and Sarah (Tomson) Fitts. Their marriage took place on May 16, 1655. He died March 27, 1692, and his wife died June 5, 1664. Abraham Fitts, Sr., was the son of Robert or Richard Fitts, also a native of Massachusetts.

William Fitts, subject of this sketch, received his education in the public schools of Moravia, being a graduate of the high school in 1886. In that year he became a clerk in the First National Bank of Moravia, and subsequently was appointed assistant cashier. At the time of his retirement in 1924 Mr. Fitts was serving as active vice president of the institution. He is still a director of the bank.

In September, 1887, Mr. Fitts was united in marriage with Miss May L. Aikin, who died in November, 1927, and is buried in Indian Mound Cemetery, Moravia. She was born at Scipio in 1867, the daughter of William and Addie (Jump) Aikin, both natives of Scipio. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fitts, Harold, born November 17, 1894. He was a graduate of Moravia High School and was attending Brown University at the time of his death in October, 1914. He is buried at Moravia.

Mr. Fitts is a Republican and has been treasurer of the board of education in Moravia since April, 1891. He is a trustee of the Congregational Church, and president of Indian Mound Cemetery Association. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and American Philatelic Society. His lodge affiliations are: Sylvan Lodge F. & A. M. No. 41, Past Master; St. John the Baptist Chapter R. A. M. No. 30, Past High Priest; Salem Town Commandery, K. T. No. 16; Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., life member, Rochester, N. Y.; Owasco Valley Chapter, No. 330, O. E. S.; and the Masonic Club of Moravia. In 1902 he was District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirtieth Masonic District.

**Gen. Edgar Stilson Jennings**, retired, is a native of Auburn, born August 25, 1870, the son of William H. and Eva M. (Alvord) Jennings. William H. Jennings was a merchant and established a business in the city of Auburn in 1869. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried in this city.

Edgar Stilson Jennings was educated in the grade and high schools of Auburn, and entered his father's store after leaving school. He went through old Mexico and Cuba in 1892 and then returned to Auburn. Later, he became senior member in the firm of E. S. and F. A. Jennings, art dealers, 4-6 Exchange Street. In 1917 Mr. Jennings was appointed warden of the Auburn State Prison, and served until his retirement in 1930. He held the office continuously with the exception of time spent in the service during the World War. General Jennings was warden at the prison in December, 1929, when the greatest prison riot of all time took place. He was seized and held captive by the convicts, who threatened him with death unless he would open the doors and free them. All the corridors were filled with convicts who were armed and demanded automobiles for their escape. The principal keeper was killed and when news of the riot leaked out the National Guard was called out, together with the city police, and state police. Eight convicts were killed and the rioting lasted from 11 a. m. until after 6 p. m. of that day. During the trouble General Jennings was severely gassed and was subsequently forced to retire on account of his health.

The war record of General Jennings follows: He enlisted in an Auburn company of National Guard, March 3, 1891; later served in the Spanish-American War, being commissioned a second lieutenant, and mustered out of the United States Army, in December, 1898. The local company retained federal designation as Company M, Third New York National Guard. On June 15, 1904, he was commissioned captain, received the commission of major on March 17, 1911, and became colonel December 19, 1915, with his regiment being mustered into United States service June 19, 1916, for Mexican border duty. He was mustered out November 30, 1916. Prior to the Mexican border service he had served



the city of Auburn as commissioner of charities, 1910 to 1914, and as police commissioner from 1914 to 1916.

In 1917 he became colonel of the One Hundred and Eighth Infantry when the United States entered the World War, and took his regiment to Spartansburg, North Carolina, for training. In May, 1918, he attended Field Officers Training School, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and returned to his regiment in time to embark with it for France. He engaged with the One Hundred and Eighth Infantry in defensive on Dickenbush and Sherpenberg sectors, July 9th to August 30th, 1918; offensive on Ypres-Lys front, Belgium, September 18, 1918; offensive at Somme, France, September 24th to October 20, 1918. His regiment met with its greatest baptism of fire at the battle of September 29-30 in the vicinity of Bony, France, when Hindenburg's line was broken. Other battles were: LaSalle River, vicinity of St. Souplet, France, October 18, 1918, and severely gassed in that engagement; Jonc Der Mer Ridge in vicinity of Arbres Guernon, France, October 18, 1918; also Vierstraat Ridge, near Mt. Kemmel, Belgium, August 31-September 2; St. Maurice River, in vicinity of Catillon, France, October 19-20, 1918; minor actions were: East Poperinge line, Belgium, July 9, 1918; Dickenbush sector, Belgium, August 21-30, 1918. His regiment was mustered out March 31, 1919. Upon the reorganization of the National Guard into federalized units, he was commissioned Brigadier-General, and placed in command of the Fifty-Fourth Brigade, New York National Guard, September 13, 1919. He was breveted Major General on December 23, 1922.

Citations and decorations received by General Jennings were: Commanding general of the Twenty-seventh Division in orders World War; King of Belgium, World War, with citation and decoration Croix de Guerre with Palm; by governor of the State of New York, brevet commission of Major General; from United States Spanish-American War, with three bronze stars and three silver stars; New York State Conspicuous Service Cross with two stars by New York State Legislature; and New York State Long Service Medal, thirty-five years.

General Jennings is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Sea

and Field Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M.; Masonic Club of Auburn; B. P. O. Elks No. 474; W. Mynderse Rice Post No. 97, American Legion; Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War; Major Lawton Camp No. 39, United Spanish War Veterans; Auburn Country Club; Chamber of Commerce; and National Republican Club.

In 1897 General Jennings married Miss Louise Elizabeth Robinson, in Auburn.

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**Rev. Francis Thomas Moffett**, who is pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, at Moravia, has been in charge of this parish since 1929, and holds the high regard of the people of the community, including all other faiths. Father Moffett takes a keen interest in every movement for the welfare of the community and during his pastorate here he has been most active in civic affairs. He was born at Auburn, July 8, 1884, the son of James and Alice (Conneck) Moffett.

James Moffett was born at Providence, Rhode Island, and his wife was a native of Bellville, Ontario, Canada. She is deceased and is buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester. He resides at Moravia. Mr. Moffett was a baker by trade and was thus engaged until his retirement in 1918. His father was Patrick Moffett, a native of Ireland, who is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Auburn. James Moffett is a Democrat, a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and belongs to Bath Council Knights of Columbus No. 2478. There were eleven children in the Moffett family, of whom Francis Thomas, the subject of this sketch, was the second in order of birth.

Francis Thomas Moffett grew up at Rochester, New York, being six months of age when his parents removed there. In 1900 he was graduated from St. Bridget's School, and in 1905 completed a course of study at St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary. He was graduated from St. Bernard's Theological Seminary in 1911, and ordained on June 10, 1911, at Rochester by the late Archbishop Quigley. During 1911-12 Reverend Moffett was assistant



pastor at St. Bernard's Church, at Scipio, and from 1913 until 1919 was assistant at St. Monica's Church, Rochester. He was transferred to St. Felix Church, Clifton Springs, New York, in 1919 as assistant pastor, and in 1922 was sent to St. Gabriel's Catholic Church, at Hammondsport, New York, as pastor. Father Moffett came to St. Patrick's Church in Moravia as pastor, January 12, 1929. He has made numerous improvements in the church property, having the interior of the church redecorated and a new organ installed.

Reverend Moffett is affiliated with Bath Council No. 2478, Knights of Columbus, and was chaplain of that body during his residence in Hammondsport. He also takes an active and prominent part in the affairs of the Holy Name Society in Moravia.

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**St. Patrick's Catholic Church, of Moravia.**—The organization of a Catholic parish in Moravia was perfected in 1872. Previously the Catholic people of the community received the sacraments from priests from Auburn and masses were celebrated in various homes of the region. In 1872 and the following year Rev. Archangel Paganini, who was stationed at Scipio, administered the newly organized parish at Moravia. Church services were conducted in a building that had been purchased from the Methodist Church society and moved to a site on Grove Street.

Father Paganini was succeeded in 1873 by Rev. Hugh J. Rafferty, who was also pastor of St. Bernard's Church at Scipio Center. During the pastorate of Father Rafferty the rectory on Grove Street was purchased. Several years ago this rectory was sold and the present and modern rectory on South Main Street purchased. While Reverend Rafferty was in charge of St. Patrick's parish here the old church building was sold. It was moved to the corner of Grove and School streets and converted into a residence. Following the disposal of the old wooden structure, work on the present brick edifice was started and in 1884 the cornerstone was placed. The building was finished that year and occupied for services.

Rev. Thomas F. Hickey was appointed first resident pastor in 1888, when of August 26th, the parish became independent of Scipio. Father Hickey was pastor until 1895. Later, he became titular Bishop of Berenice and coadjutor with right of succession to the first Bishop of Rochester. On January 18, 1909, upon the death of Bishop McQuaid, he succeeded him as second Bishop of Rochester. In 1929 the church he had served for twenty years as Bishop honored him, upon his retirement, with the title Archbishop of Vimanacium.

Father Hickey was succeeded here by Rev. John J. McGrath. Reverend McGrath later became pastor of St. Mary's Church, Auburn, and head of the Auburn deanery. Reverend McGrath was succeeded by Rev. T. M. O'Connor, who in turn was succeeded by Rev. C. B. Silke. On October 1, 1915, Rev. Walter B. McCarthy succeeded Father Silke as pastor. He served until 1920 and was succeeded by Rev. Arthur Smith. Father Smith in 1929 was succeeded by Rev. Francis T. Moffett, the present pastor (1932).

The mission church of St. Anne's in Owasco was formed in 1912 and is in charge of the Moravia pastorate.

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**John W. Gard, M. D.**—Numbered among the most prominent physicians and surgeons of Cayuga County, Doctor Gard is also recognized as one of the community's most valued citizens. He was born at Kings Ferry, Cayuga County, November 2, 1888, the son of William and Catherine (Burns) Gard.

William Gard, retired, lives at Auburn. Both he and his wife are natives of Genoa and he spent thirty years in the employ of the Auburn State Prison. He is a Republican, a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Holy Name Society, and Auburn Council No. 257, Knights of Columbus. To Mr. and Mrs. Gard were born two sons: 1. John W., the subject of this sketch. 2. William, who is associated with the Empire Gas & Electric Company, at Auburn.

The early education of John W. Gard was obtained in the parochial schools of Auburn and in 1908 he was graduated from Auburn High School. He spent two years at the University of



Michigan and in 1914 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Union University, Albany Medical College. After a year as interne in the Albany Hospital, and also a year in Auburn City Hospital, Doctor Gard established his present private practice at Genoa. He has also taken graduate work in obstetrics at Lying-In Hospital, New York City. Doctor Gard is a member of the staff of Genoa Hospital and belongs to the Cayuga County and New York State Medical Associations.

In 1915 Doctor Gard was united in marriage with Miss Edna Corning, who is a graduate of Auburn High School, class of 1910, and the daughter of George and Rebecca (Kinchley) Corning, natives of Connecticut and Massachusetts, respectively. Mr. Corning settled in Auburn with his parents in early life and throughout his life was interested in the shoe business, in later years being employed by the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Company. He died in 1909 and is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Auburn. His widow resides in that city. To Dr. and Mrs. Gard have been born three sons: John, George, and Charles.

Doctor Gard is a Republican, a member of St. Hilary's Catholic Church, and Omega Upsilon Phi fraternity. He is health officer for the towns of Genoa, Venice and Scipio.

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**James Wallace Skinner, M. D.**—Having engaged in the practice of medicine at Genoa for almost fifty-five years, Doctor Skinner is recognized as the dean of physicians and surgeons in Cayuga County, and his capability in his chosen profession is widely known. He was born at Wheatland, Monroe County, New York, October 31, 1853, the son of Almond and Amanda (Nims) Skinner.

Almond Skinner was a native of Ontario, Canada, and his father was sent from that country for aiding the Americans during the War of 1812. The Skinners were farmers and settled in Monroe County. Almond Skinner was a Republican and held membership in the Baptist Church. Both he and his wife are buried in New York. Their children were: 1. Mortimer, deceased. 2. Dr. Scott N., served as a surgeon throughout the Civil War, now deceased. 3. Demis, married Dr. R. A. Adams, deceased. 4. Celia,

deceased. 5. James Wallace, the subject of this sketch. 6. Jessie Hurley, lives at Genoa. 7. Emily, deceased.

James Wallace Skinner was reared and educated at Scottsville, New York, and after his graduation from high school in 1874 he entered the University of Michigan, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1878. His entire career has been spent in practice at Genoa and in 1912 he founded the Genoa Hospital, which has enjoyed a wide reputation in Cayuga County as a dependable institution. During his early years of practice Doctor Skinner drove horses in making his sick calls and averaged twenty-five miles daily for a period of thirty-four years. This, he estimates, equals 310,250 miles or thirteen times around the world. He now drives his own automobile and still is active in practice. He is a member of the Cayuga County and New York State Medical Societies.

Doctor Skinner married Miss Corina Carpenter, who died in 1929. Their daughter, June, married Hugh W. Lundy, attorney, and lives at Albia, Monroe County, Iowa. They have a daughter, Lorraine.

Doctor Skinner has always been a Republican, and for fifty-two years has been a member of North Lansing Lodge F. & A. M. No. 774, and Genoa Star Lodge, I. O. O. F.

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**Rev. Frederick Lent**, who is president of Elmira College, is one of the widely known and influential educators of Central New York. He was born at Freeport, Province of Nova Scotia, June 10, 1872, the son of Shippey and Euphemia (Moore) Lent.

Shippey Lent, who died in 1875, was a native of Nova Scotia. He was reared and educated there and as a young man became interested in ship building. He served as marine captain and later became a trader in the West Indies. He was a member of the Baptist Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. His wife died in 1922. They had the following children: 1. Emma, the widow of John Alden Warner, lives at Grosse Point, Michigan. 2. George, who died in 1927. 3. Frank, lives at Freeport, Nova Scotia.





DR. FREDERICK LENT





4. DeLisle, lives in Bermuda. 5. Frederick, the subject of this sketch. 6. Mary, married Eugene Goudy, and died in 1898.

Frederick Lent acquired his early education in the schools of Nova Scotia and is a graduate of an academy at Leicester, Massachusetts. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts at Brown University in 1900 and 1901, respectively. He then received the degree of B. D. at Newton Theological Institute, and in 1906 was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Yale University. He had been ordained as a minister of the Baptist Church in 1895, and during 1896-1898 was pastor of Calvary Church at Salem, Massachusetts, and until 1901 was stationed at Oak Lawn, Rhode Island. He then became an instructor in Biblical Literature at Brown University and during 1903 taught at Yale University, also being identified with the latter university during 1909-1910. He located in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1903, as pastor of the First Baptist Church, having served in that capacity during his university work as an instructor. Doctor Lent has been president of Elmira College since 1914. He is also a trustee of Newton Theological Institute.

On September 23, 1896, President Lent married Miss Estelle Bolles, of New Bedford, Massachusetts, the daughter of Harry Clinton and Annie (Briggs) Bolles. Both were natives of New Bedford. The former died in 1905 and the latter in 1932. There were four children born to Doctor and Mrs. Lent: 1. Died in infancy. 2. Henry Bolles, born November 4, 1901, a graduate of Hamilton College, Bachelor of Arts, class of 1925. He is connected with Anderson, Davis & Hyde Company, New York City. He married Miss Leone Marks, of Altoona, Pennsylvania, and they have two sons: Henry Bolles, Jr., born June 20, 1927. 2. David Frederick, born April 19, 1929. 3. Robert Wayland, born March 24, 1905. He is connected with A. B. Dick & Company at Detroit, Michigan. He married Miss Vidas Campbell, of Detroit. They have a son, Frederick, born July 17, 1932. 4. Elizabeth, born November 1, 1909, a graduate of Elmira College, Bachelor of Arts, class of 1931. She attended Meeker Business College, Elmira. She is with the Department of Social Service, Elmira, New York.

Doctor Lent is a Republican. He is a member of the Rotary Club, Elmira Golf and Country Club, Phi Beta Kappa, and Chi Phi fraternity. He is also a member of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Home Mission Society and American Oriental Society. He is a member of the Baptist Board of Education.

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**Austin L. Mott** has been interested in business at Locke for almost 30 years and also takes an active part in local civic affairs, being supervisor of the town of Locke. He was born at Victory, Cayuga County, March 17, 1879, the son of Austin L. and Mary Ann (Robinson) Mott.

Austin L. Mott, deceased, was a native of Cayuga County, born at Sterling in 1836. During the Civil War he owned and operated the old Globe Hotel at Niles, Cayuga County. He later purchased the Wilson farm near there and subsequently removed to Illinois, where he farmed for eight years. Upon his return to Cayuga County he resumed his farming interests there. He was living retired at the time of his death in 1908. His wife was born at Niles and died in 1914. Both are buried at Cato. He was a Republican and served as village collector. He attended the Methodist Episcopal Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Mott were born twelve children, as follows: 1. Ella, married Herbert Crowell, both deceased. 2. Nettie, married I. J. Main, lives at Cortland. 3. Frederick J., deceased. 4. Anna, married Irving Botsford, both deceased. 5. George, lives at Cato. 6. Lillie, deceased, was the wife of Adelbert Smith, of Westbury, New York. 7. Emma, married L. D. Harmon, lives at Ira, New York. 8. Eugene, lives at Weedsport. 9. Irene, married Eldon Darby, both deceased. 10. Laura, married Reuben Cook, lives at Locke. 11. Austin L., the subject of this sketch. 12. Dennis, lives at Victory.

Austin L. Mott was reared and educated at Victory, and is a graduate of Red Creek Academy. In 1899 he became a clerk in the local offices of the United States Express Company, and was later manager of the Locke Cold Storage Company for two years. In 1904 in partnership with O. D. Hewitt he purchased the plant



and the firm continued in business until 1916, at which time Mr. Mott sold his interest to Mr. Hewitt with the exception of the wholesale egg business, with which he is still identified.

In 1901 Mr. Mott married (first) Miss Cora B. Johnson, who died August 15, 1909. She is buried at North Lansing, New York. She was the daughter of J. H. and Linda (Learn) Johnson, natives of Locke and Lansing, respectively. Mr. Johnson, retired, lives at Cortland. His wife is deceased. To Austin L. and Cora B. (Johnson) Mott was born a daughter, Esther Johnson, a graduate of Cortland Normal School and Walter Reed Hospital. She married Samuel P. Strother, and lives at Lynchburg, Virginia. They have a son, Robert. Mr. Mott married (second) June 28, 1910, Miss Pearl Fuller, the daughter of Nathan Fuller, deceased. To them were born three children: 1. Eleanor, a graduate of Cortland Normal School. She is a teacher at Dansville, New York. 2. Austin Leonard, 3rd, attends Bentley School of Accounting and Financing, Boston, Massachusetts. 3. Maurice Vernon, a student.

Politically, Mr. Mott is a Republican. He is serving as a member of the water commission and for seven years was school director. He has been supervisor of the town of Locke since 1927. He has been a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church for twenty-eight years and served as trustee also. He is prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Sylvan Lodge F. & A. M. No. 41, St. John the Baptist Chapter R. A. M. No. 30, and Uskeep Lodge No. 459, I. O. O. F. Past Noble Grand.

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**Rev. Edward J. Lyons.**—As pastor of St. Bernard's Catholic Church at Scipio Center and St. Hilary's Catholic Church at Genoa, Reverend Lyons has an extensive acquaintance throughout Cayuga County and is esteemed by all who know him. He is a native of Avon, Livingston County, New York, born February 27, 1885, the son of Frank and Ellen (Halligan) Lyons.

Frank Lyons was born at Avon, New York, in 1857, and his wife was a native of Wales. He spent many years in the employ

of the Erie Railroad Company and died in the service while on duty as a passenger engineer. He was a Democrat, a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and Catholic Men's Benevolent Association. His wife died in 1911 and Mr. Lyons died in 1900. Both are buried in St. Agnes Cemetery, Avon. To Mr. and Mrs. Lyons were born three children: 1. Edward J., the subject of this sketch. 2. Francis, deceased. 3. Loretta, married John Cleary, lives at Avon.

Edward J. Lyons was reared at Avon, where he received his early education in the parochial schools. He spent two years at Avon High School and in 1907 was graduated from St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary. He was graduated from St. Bernard's Seminary in 1913, being ordained to the priesthood on June 7, 1913, at Rochester, New York, by Bishop Colton. He then was appointed assistant pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Church at Elmira, and in 1924 came to his present charges at Scipio Center and Genoa.

Father Lyons is identified with Elmira Council No. 229, Knights of Columbus, 4th degree, and is advisor for Holy Name Society.

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**St. Bernard's Catholic Church**, of Scipio Center. Previous to the year of 1872 the Catholic residents of this section of the county were attended by the pastor of Union Springs, which was also known as Springport. The older members of the parish may recall Rev. Father Toohey, Rev. B. McCool, Rev. V. M. Schmeltzer, and Rev. Eugene Pagani, priests who came to Scipio Center to administer spiritual needs. About the year 1870 a small frame church was built on the site of the present edifice. The building was erected by Rev. B. McCool, who remained in charge of the parish until June, 1872, when Rev. Archangel Paganini was appointed the first resident pastor. He was succeeded by Rev. Hugh F. Rafferty in June, 1873. He also had charge of St. Patrick's Church at Moravia, and Our Lady of the Lake Church at Kings Ferry. These parishes covered an immense amount of ter-



ritory. Father Rafferty died in 1908 and during his thirty-five years in this vicinity many changes for the better were made and numerous improvements made in the church properties.

On June 15, 1908, Rev. John B. Doran was appointed pastor. In February, 1911, he purchased the Universalist Church at Genoa and the property was blessed by the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D. D., bishop of the diocese. A church was also built at Ludlowville. On April 25, 1915, Rev. Edward J. Dwyer was appointed pastor of St. Bernard's Church, and in November, 1920, he was succeeded by Rev. F. G. Straub. During 1922 a new crucifix, crib, and altar was installed, and from August 15th until 20th the parish celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the church. At that time Rt. Rev. Bishop Hickey administered confirmation.

On July 1, 1924, Rev. Edward J. Lyons was transferred from Elmira to take charge of the parish at Scipio Center.

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**Ray C. Kelsey**, postmaster, is well and favorably known at Weedsport, Cayuga County, where he has lived for many years. He was born at Cape Vincent, Jefferson County, New York, March 11, 1883, the son of L. G. and Jennie (Morrison) Kelsey.

L. G. Kelsey, a native of Cape Vincent, is now deceased. He was a registered pharmacist and for more than forty years owned and successfully managed a drug business at Cape Vincent. His wife was also born at that place. Both are buried there. Mr. Kelsey was a Democrat and held the offices of justice of the peace, supervisor and town clerk. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was affiliated with Cape Vincent Lodge F. & A. M., Cape Vincent Chapter, R. A. M., Watertown Commandery, K. T. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey was Ray C., the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from the public schools of Cape Vincent, Ray C. Kelsey attended Cape Vincent Academy. He was a clerk in the J. Rothstein Clothing Company, at Oneida, spent some time in the same capacity with the Nick Peters Clothing Company, at Syracuse, and was also employed for a time by the Semet-Solvay

Company, Syracuse. He was located in Detroit, Michigan, with the latter concern for a time, but in 1919 removed with his family to Weedsport. The following year he became buyer for the Sigman Lax Clothing Company, and later was clerk and buyer for the Outlet Clothing Company, at Batavia, New York. He then was buyer for Louis Brothers, Auburn, and during this entire period of time maintained his residence at Weedsport. On March 15, 1932, Mr. Kelsey accepted the appointment as postmaster.

Mr. Kelsey married Miss Marie Hudson, the daughter of Charles W. and Mary (Gott) Hudson, the former a native of Weedsport and the latter of Seneca Falls. They are now residents of Weedsport, where he is engaged in business. Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey have two daughters: 1. LaVonne, a graduate of Weedsport High School, class of 1931. 2. Loretta, a graduate of Weedsport High School, class of 1932.

Politically, Mr. Kelsey has always been a Republican. He belongs to Salina Lodge F. & A. M. No. 385, Port Byron Chapter R. A. M., and Salem Town Commandery, K. T., No. 16.

Mr. Kelsey is the owner of a fine farm near Cape Vincent.

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**Roy A. Tuttle.**—As proprietor of the R. A. Tuttle General Store, at King Ferry, Roy A. Tuttle is recognized as the community's business and civic leader. He is a veteran of the World War, having served in France as a member of Battery F, Three Hundred and Ninth Heavy Field Artillery, Seventy-eighth Division. Mr. Tuttle was born at Genoa, Cayuga County, June 26, 1895, the son of Fred H. and Maggie (Stilwell) Tuttle.

Fred H. Tuttle was born in Cayuga County, and died at King Ferry in June, 1921. He was a farmer and in 1910 went to Fresno, California, where he remained for six months. He then located on a fruit ranch in another section of California. He returned to New York in 1914 and engaged in farming until his death. His widow was born at Genoa and lives at King Ferry. Mr. Tuttle was a Republican and belonged to Genoa Lodge F. & A. M. No.



421. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle were born six children: 1. Roy A., the subject of this sketch. 2. Tracy, a World War veteran, lives on the Tuttle homestead. 3. Leslie, a farmer, lives in Cayuga County. 4. Fred J., associated with his brother's automobile business. 5. Bessie, married M. MacCormick, lives in New York City. 6. Bernice, attends Cornell University.

Roy A. Tuttle grew up at King Ferry and attended the public schools. He also attended Orosi High School in California. Upon his return to the East he was interested in farming with his father until 1917, at which time he engaged in business for himself. After his enlistment for service in the World War Mr. Tuttle spent eight months at Camp Dix, New Jersey, before sailing for France. He participated in the battle of St. Mihiel, where he was wounded and spent ten weeks in Base Hospital No. 40. He took part in other important engagements of the war and was discharged as a corporal on January 12, 1919. Mr. Tuttle then farmed until 1921 and in that year established a general mercantile establishment at King Ferry. It is an up-to-date business and Mr. Tuttle handles a fine grade of groceries, meats, as well as dry goods, hardware, etc. A soda grill and candy shop are also conducted in connection with the business. In 1929 Mr. Tuttle erected the R. A. Tuttle Garage, which was occupied in April, 1930. He represents the Ford Motor Company and McCormick-Deering lines. In 1929 Mr. Tuttle purchased the business of Fox & McCormick, general merchants, and merged it with his own establishment. He has been the owner of the post office building since 1931.

In 1922 Mr. Tuttle was united in marriage with Miss Ruth Bradley, daughter of E. A. and Elizabeth (Parkhurst) Bradley, natives of King Ferry and Newark, New Jersey, respectively. Both are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle have three children: Jean Elizabeth, Roy A., Jr., and Vivian Ann.

In politics Mr. Tuttle is identified with the Republican party. Since August, 1930, he has served as president of the school board in the Union Free District, and through his untiring efforts the system was reorganized as the King Ferry Central School in June,

1931, with Mr. Tuttle as president. He is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church, as well as Sunday school superintendent, and is affiliated with Genoa Lodge F. and A. M. No. 421, Past Master, Union Springs Chapter, R. A. M., and Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R.

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**Vance C. Haley.**—Identified with the firm of Haley & Howland, automobile dealers, Mr. Haley is numbered among the representative men of Poplar Ridge, Cayuga County. He was born at Scipio, January 8, 1884, the son of Edward and Alice (Leader) Haley.

Edward Haley was a native of Springport and a member of one of the oldest families in that section of Cayuga County. He was a farmer, and for ten years was local representative for the Adrence-Platt Company, of Poughkeepsie, New York, manufacturers of farm implements. He was living retired at the time of his death in November, 1931. His wife was a native of England and died in 1912. They are buried in Ridgeway Cemetery, near Poplar Ridge. Mr. Haley was a Democrat and attended Friends Church. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Haley was Vance C., the subject of this sketch.

Edward Haley was the son of Amos Haley, a native of Massachusetts. He was a farmer and is buried at Union Springs, New York. His father drove a team of oxen from Massachusetts to New York and settled where the Oakwood picnic grounds are now located near Union Springs. He owned and operated one of the first saw mills in this section.

Vance C. Haley grew up at Venice, Cayuga County, and attended the public schools there. He was associated with his father's farming interests for a time and from 1909 until 1912 was a machinist with the Adrence-Platt Company, with central New York as his territory. During 1912-14 he was identified with the American Seeding Company, with headquarters in Syracuse and the Finger Lake region as territory. In 1914 Mr. Haley engaged in business for himself at Poplar Ridge as the owner of a garage



and automobile agency. In the year 1917 he became associated with L. R. Howland in the business and they continued successfully as authorized Ford dealers in this section until 1925, at which time they took over the agency for the Hudson and Essex cars. They are also representatives for the John Deere Plow Company. The firm also are insurance underwriters.

Politically, Mr. Haley is a Democrat. In 1931 he was elected supervisor of Venice and took office on January 1, 1932. He is affiliated with B. P. O. Elks No. 474 and belongs to the Utopia Club.

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**Capt. William L. Hodder.**—A veteran of the World War, having served in France in command of Company M, 108th Infantry, 27th Division, Captain Hodder has had a colorful military career. He is a widely known citizen of Auburn and holds the responsible office of assistant postmaster. He was born in this city, May 18, 1879, the son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth I. (Stupp) Hodder.

Nathaniel Hodder was a native of England and came to the United States in his early youth. He was a mason by trade and spent more than twenty years with the D. W. Barnes & Sons, of Auburn. He operated the first electric car in the city. At the time of his death in 1929 Mr. Hodder was living retired. His wife was born in Auburn and died in 1911. Both are buried in Fort Hill Cemetery, Auburn. He was a Republican, a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and belonged to St. Paul's Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 124. To Mr. and Mrs. Hodder were born six children: George, John, Maude, Ross, William L., and May. All are deceased except William L., the subject of this sketch.

After the completion of his schooling in Auburn, William L. Hodder entered the service of the Western Union Telegraph Company in 1892. The following year he went with the E. N. Ross Grocery Company, and from April, 1898, until December 31, 1898, was a stenographer in the real estate and division engineer's office of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company of Auburn. On January 1, 1899, he became private secretary to Hon. Thomas Mott

Osborne, of the D. M. Osborne Company. He also served as secretary to the Osborne Relief Association and clerk to Mayor Thomas Mott Osborne. For several years Mr. Hodder was chief bookkeeper for the International Harvester Company. In December, 1911, he became a substitute clerk in the Auburn post office, and on April 1, 1913, was appointed regular clerk. He received the appointment of assistant postmaster on June 7, 1924.

Captain Hodder began his military service as a private in the Second Separate Company, New York National Guard, on April 20, 1904. He was promoted to the rank of corporal in January, 1907, and became sergeant December 3, 1910. He served as second lieutenant of the Third Infantry, New York National Guard, from December 28, 1911, until July 17, 1915, at which time he was promoted to first lieutenant. He was then mustered into the Regular Army for service on the Mexican Border, July 5, 1916, as a first lieutenant of the Third Infantry. He was mustered out October 5, 1916, and the following day became first lieutenant of the Third Infantry, New York National Guard. He was honorably discharged March 30, 1917, and on April 15, 1917, re-enlisted as a private in Company M, Third Infantry. He was again mustered into the service of the U. S. Army, April 16, 1917, as first lieutenant of Company M, designated 108th Infantry, 27th Division. From April 15, 1917, until May 17, 1918, he served at Fort Niagara, New York, Camp Allen, Pelham Bay, Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina and Newport News, Virginia. He sailed for France on May 18, 1918, and arrived at Brest, May 30th, serving with the English Army as an observer in the Dickebrush Lake Sector until July, 1918. He was commissioned a captain on July 10th. Important engagements participated in by Captain Hodder follow: East Poperinghe Line, July 19, 1918, to August 20, 1918; Dickebrush Lake Sector, France, August 21st to 30th, 1918; Vera Stratt Ridge, Belgium, August 31st to September 2nd, 1918; Battle of the Hindenburg Line, September 28, 1918. On February 18, 1919, Headquarters 27th Division United States Army, American Expeditionary Forces, France, S. O. 49, received citation for remaining in command of company after being wounded in the battle of the Hindenburg Line, September 29, 1918. In April, 1932,



he was decorated with the "Order of the Purple Heart." His company led review of the entire 27th Division by Gen. John J. Pershing. Captain Hodder left France, February 28, 1919. He had been wounded in the service, September 29, 1918, at Hindenburg, and on November 22, 1918, was authorized to wear the wound chevron, R. S. O. He received the war service chevron, March 28, 1919, R. S. O. No. 62, 108th United States Infantry, and was commissioned captain of the Third Infantry, New York National Guard, June 14, 1919. He was discharged from the service February 20, 1920.

Captain Hodder married Miss Minnie Catherine Harmon, and they have two daughters: 1. Dorothy Isabelle, a graduate of Auburn High School and Auburn City Hospital. She married James Williams and lives at Auburn. 2. Blanche Clementine, a graduate of Auburn High School. She is a dental hygienist.

Captain Hodder is a Republican, a member of the Episcopal Church, and has the following lodge affiliations: St. Paul's Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 124, Past Master, later transferred to Sea & Field Lodge No. 3-974; Cayuga Lodge No. 143, Knights of Pythias, Past Chancellor Commander; Past Commander in 1919 of W. Mynderse Rice Post No. 97, American Legion, and treasurer at the present time of that post. He also belongs to the Masonic Club and Young Men's Republican Club.

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**Louis W. Ferenbaugh**, who is editor and publisher of the Waterloo Observer, has had a long and successful career in newspaper work. He was born at Corning, Steuben County, August 24, 1868, the son of Samuel Harvey and Tena E. (Patchen) Ferenbaugh.

Samuel Harvey Ferenbaugh was born at Centerville, now Corning, January 10, 1846. He learned the trade of printer in the old Corning Journal office, and subsequently served as foreman there for several years. He also was identified with the Oswego Gazette as foreman, and in 1870 was founder of the Painted Post Times. Seven years later he removed to Havana,

now Montour Falls, New York, and at that time established the Havana Democrat. In 1882 he settled at Watkins, New York, where he established the Watkins Herald. In 1896 he went to Oneonta, New York, where he was associated with his son, Louis W. Ferenbaugh, owner of the Otsego Democrat and Press. They came to Waterloo in 1898 and in that year established the Waterloo Democrat. During the following year they purchased the Waterloo Observer and merged the publications. Mr. Ferenbaugh was identified with that enterprise at the time of his death, June 25, 1914. He is buried at Waterloo. His widow is a native of Steuben County, and resides at Waterloo. Their only child was Louis W., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Ferenbaugh was a Democrat and held membership in St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Louis W. Ferenbaugh attended the public schools of Painted Post, Havana, and Watkins. He was correspondent on the Elmira Daily Gazette during 1881-87, and was associated with the Watkins Herald from 1884 until 1896. As mentioned above, he became publisher and editor of the Otsego Democrat and Oneonta Press in 1896, and two years later was one of the founders of the Waterloo Democrat. He has been associated with the Waterloo Observer since 1899, and has also been special correspondent for the Elmira Telegram, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester Herald, and Elmira Star. He also represents the Associated Press and is a member of the American Press Century Club.

On March 17, 1904, Mr. Ferenbaugh married Miss Mary E. Peterson, who died March 19, 1926. She was born April 8, 1869, the daughter of Dr. Orton W. and Lydia (Mandeville) Peterson, natives of Seneca County, and both now deceased. Mrs. Ferenbaugh was a prominent member of the First Presbyterian Church and active in the affairs of Liberty Temple, Pythian Sisters.

Mr. Ferenbaugh is a Democrat, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Rotary Club, B. P. O. Elks, Waterloo Automobile Club, Knights of Pythias, and Arizina Rebecca No. 225. He has been affiliated with Delphian Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, since 1891.



**J. Willard Huff** has been engaged actively in the practice of law at Waterloo for almost a quarter of a century and is prominent in legal affairs in Central New York as the able district attorney of Seneca County. He was born at Waterloo, December 30, 1878, the son of Isaac L. and Sarah M. (Lambert) Huff.

Isaac L. Huff was born at Canoga, Seneca County, the son of John Huff, a native of New Jersey, who settled on the west shore of Cayuga Lake in Seneca County. They became prosperous farmers of this section and were well known citizens. Isaac L. Huff learned the trade of blacksmith and for a number of years owned a wagon manufacturing plant at Waterloo. He also was interested in the transfer business. Mr. Huff died in 1903 and his wife died in 1913. Both are buried at Waterloo. Mr. Huff was a Republican and served as town assessor. He was president and director of the Seneca County Agricultural Society. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church, and was affiliated with Seneca Lodge No. 113, F. and A. M., Royal Arch Mason, and Geneva Commandery, K. T. To Mr. and Mrs. Huff were born four children: 1. Hattie A., who died in 1931, was the wife of Dr. G. C. Prichard, of Phelps, New York. 2. Arthur W., lives at Waterloo. 3. John, deceased. 4. J. Willard, the subject of this sketch. Sarah M. (Lambert) Huff was a native of Marcellus, New York, the daughter of John and Margaret Lambert. Both were born in England and were early settlers of Waterloo. Mr. Lambert was interested in the textile business and installed some of the first machinery in the woolen mills at this place. He and his wife are buried at Waterloo.

After his graduation from Waterloo High School in 1895, J. Willard Huff spent two years in graduate work there. He then entered Hamilton College, from which he received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in 1903 and 1909, respectively. He studied law at the New York Law School, and received the degree of LL. B. from that institution in 1906, being admitted to the bar in 1906. During 1906-08 Mr. Huff was managing clerk in a New York law office and in 1909 he located in Waterloo as a member of the present firm of Bacon & Huff, his partner being W. F. Bacon. The career of Mr. Huff in public affairs follows:

1917-18 member of the Seneca County Draft Board; 1915-23 served as village attorney; 1925-28 served as village attorney; 1918-24 served as transfer tax attorney for Seneca County; served as district attorney continuously since January 1, 1926; served as member of the Waterloo Board of Education during 1913-22; served as director of the Seneca County Agricultural Society since 1910; and director of the Waterloo Library & Historical Society since 1912. He also is an active member of the Seneca County and New York State Bar Associations.

On September 7, 1909, Mr. Huff was united in marriage with Miss Sarah H. Garrison, the daughter of James M. and Emma (Utter) Garrison, natives of Seneca and Westchester counties, respectively. He is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Huff have a son, James Garrison, who is a graduate of Waterloo High School, class of 1930. He attends Hamilton College and is a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity.

Mr. Huff is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of which he served as Sunday School superintendent for fifteen years, and he also belongs to Seneca Lodge, No. 113, F. and A. M., Delphian Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Psi Upsilon fraternity, University Club of Geneva, Rose Hill Grange, and Waterloo Business Men's Association.

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**John Cuddeback Davis.**—Among Seneca County's most outstanding citizens John Cuddeback Davis, retired, is highly esteemed as a leading figure in the civic and business life of Seneca Falls, where for many years he was identified with the Seneca Falls Manufacturing Company. He was born here, June 28, 1875, the son of Adelbert S. and Eugenia (Cuddeback) Davis.

Adelbert S. Davis was born in Onondaga County, New York, March 22, 1847, and died November 17, 1924, at Seneca Falls. He received a common school education and located at Seneca Falls in 1866, and at that time entered the employ of George W. Davis & Son, druggists. He later became a registered pharmacist, but was obliged to give up that profession on account of his health.



He then traveled as a representative of C. W. Snow & Company, wholesale druggists of Syracuse, and in 1877 purchased an interest in the grocery firm of Cuddeback & Company, and the firm name was changed to Cuddeback & Davis. They became owners of the Lewis Mfg. Company in 1879, and at that time the business was reorganized as the Seneca Falls Manufacturing Company. They became extensive manufacturers of scroll saws, fanning mill castings and light machinery. In 1882 Mr. Davis became owner of the business and continued thus until 1891, at which time the business was incorporated with Mr. Davis as president. He retired from active management in 1906 but continued in an advisory capacity and as president until the business was sold in 1917. Mr. Davis died in 1924. He was a public spirited citizen, generous to an extreme, and a liberal contributor to every worthy cause. He was a Republican. Eugenia (Cuddeback) Davis was born at Alloway, Wayne County, and now resides at 100 State Street, Seneca Falls. To Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert S. Davis were born two children: 1. John Cuddeback, the subject of this sketch. 2. Maude L., deceased.

John Cuddeback Davis is a graduate of Mynderse Academy, class of 1893. Throughout his business career he was identified with the Seneca Falls Manufacturing Company, of which he served as secretary and treasurer. From 1915 until 1917 he was also in complete charge of the plant, and he remained with the new firm as purchasing agent from 1917 until his resignation January 1, 1921. The business is now known as the Seneca Falls Machine Company. Mr. Davis is a director of the State Bank of Seneca Falls and trustee of the Seneca Falls Savings Bank.

In 1904 Mr. Davis married Miss Mertie A. VanBenschoten, the daughter of Richard Palmer and Mercy E. (Fisher) VanBenschoten, who were natives of Onondaga County, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have three daughters: 1. Maude A., a graduate of Mynderse Academy and Mount Holyoke College. She is a teacher at Whitney Point, New York. 2. Elizabeth E., a graduate of Mynderse Academy, Mount Holyoke College, and Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School. She lives at home. 3. Mertie VanBenschoten, a student.

Politically, Mr. Davis is a Republican. He is trustee and treasurer of Mynderse Library, president of the Board of Managers of Seneca Falls Hospital, member of Seneca Falls Historical Society, Seneca Falls Country Club, and Rotary Club, of which he is serving his ninth year as treasurer. He has also been president of the Seneca Falls Board of Education. He and his family are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church.

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**Edward Henry Schornstheimer.**—Identified with Schornstheimer Bros. Dairy, at 930 West Church Street, Edward H. Schornstheimer is numbered among the progressive and dependable merchants of Elmira. He was born in this city, June 28, 1875, the son of Conrad Martin and Frederika (Koop) Schornstheimer.

Conrad Martin Schornstheimer was born in Germany and was twelve years old when he came to this country with his parents. They settled at Elmira and for several years Conrad M. Schornstheimer was interested in farming in Chemung County. He also spent some time in the employ of George W. Hoffman, of Elmira. About 1896 he purchased a small farm and gradually developed a dairy business, which has continued to the present time in its original location on West Church Street. Mr. Schornstheimer died in 1916 and his wife, also a native of Germany, died in 1910. They are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. To Mr. and Mrs. Schornstheimer were born the following children: 1. Charles C., who died in 1928. He married Olga Dobberstein, and they have a daughter, Louise. 2. Elizabeth, the widow of David Williams, they had two children, Benjamin and Ralph, lives at Elmira. 3. Ella, lives with her brother, Edward H. 4. Edward Henry, the subject of this sketch. 5. William A., connected with the offices of the Standard Oil Company in New York City. He married Freda Schaefer and they have three children, Conrad, Robert and Janet. 6. Harry W., who is identified with Schornstheimer Bros. Dairy in Elmira. He married Eva (Harvey) Peterson. They have two sons, Richard and Robert. 7. Rosie, died in infancy. 8. Conrad M., died in infancy.





EDWARD HENRY SCHORNSTHEIMER





Edward Henry Schornstheimer grew up in Elmira and received his education in the public schools. Until the death of his father in 1916 Mr. Schornstheimer was associated in the dairy business with him, and at that time the brothers continued the enterprise. At the death of Charles C. Schornstheimer in 1926, the two surviving partners continued with the business. They deal in high grade milk and dairy products and have an extensive trade throughout the city and suburbs. The plant is equipped with modern machinery, and they market pasteurized as well as high grade raw milk. In 1927 the plant was entirely remodeled and they are one of the oldest milk dealers in the city.

On September 2, 1918, Mr. Schornstheimer was united in marriage with Miss Cora Davis, of Elmira, born January 27, 1890, the daughter of Charles and Katherine (Hartman) Davis, of this city. Mr. Davis is retired. He is a Republican and a member of the German Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Schornstheimer have a daughter, Ruth Cora, born September 28, 1920.

Mr. Schornstheimer is a Republican and he and his family are members of German Evangelical Church. He is also a member of the Elmira Milk Dealers.

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**John E. Becker**, who is president of the First National Bank of Waterloo, holds a leading position in the business and social life of that city. He was born at Waterloo, December 9, 1879, the son of Charles D. and Sarah H. (Lawrence) Becker.

Charles D. Becker, deceased, was prominent in Waterloo as president of the First National Bank. He was born here in 1851, the son of John Becker, owner of a large flour mill and leading pioneer business man of this section. Charles D. Becker attended the public schools of Waterloo and Rochester Business College. He served for many years as deputy county clerk and for one term as county clerk. In 1905 he became cashier of the First National Bank, and two years later became its president. He served in the latter capacity until the time of his death, March 25, 1931. Mr. Becker was a Democrat and took an active part in

local public affairs. He was affiliated with Seneca Lodge, No. 113, F. and A. M. He was married in 1878 to Miss Sarah H. Lawrence, of Waterloo, who died in May, 1930. They were the parents of two children: 1. John E., the subject of this sketch. 2. Phebe L., married Edward J. Lux, of Waterloo.

John E. Becker is a graduate of Waterloo High School, class of 1898, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Hamilton College in 1903. After a short time in New York City he returned to Waterloo, where he became associated with the Vough Piano Company. He resigned as treasurer of the company in 1913, and at that time became identified with The Becker-McLean Company. Two years later he was elected cashier of the First National Bank, and held that office continuously from 1915 until 1931, when he succeeded to the presidency.

On June 20, 1910, Mr. Becker was united in marriage with Miss Emma Berry, of Waterloo. Their children are: 1. Barbara E., attends Wells College. 2. John C., attends Hamilton College, member of Psi Upsilon fraternity. 3. Dorothy V., a student.

Mr. Becker is affiliated with Seneca Lodge, No. 113, F. and A. M., Past Master; Salem Town Chapter, No. 175, R. A. M.; Geneva Commandery, No. 29, K. T.; Delphian Lodge, No. 751, I. O. O. F.; Seneca Lodge, No. 992; B. P. O. Elks, and Psi Upsilon fraternity. He is a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church and Waterloo Library and Historical Society.

During the World War Mr. Becker was chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee, United States Savings Stamp Committee, the Three Minute Men, and took a prominent part in the various war activities. He was the first president of the Waterloo Memorial Hospital, Waterloo's memorial to the soldiers, sailors and marines of the World War.

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**Lester William Bellows, M. D.**—With a professional training and practice inclusive of the field of activity that demands his attention through Seneca County and in its hospitals, Dr. Lester William Bellows has established his permanent place in the high regard both of his medical associates and of the general public.



He is the son of Dr. George Arnold and Harriet M. (Palmer) Bellows.

Lester William Bellows was born at Detroit, Michigan, June 27, 1878. He was three years old when his father moved to Waterloo to practice medicine, and he received his preliminary education at South Waterloo school, Woods private school, and Waterloo union and high school, from which he was graduated in 1900 as president of his class. Meantime he had been reading medicine and assisting his father in minor capacities, and in 1900 he entered Detroit Medical College, then known as the Detroit College of Medicine. He studied under many of the same professors under whom his father had studied, and during his college course he held for one term each the positions of assistant instructor in the histological and bacteriological laboratories of the college, and was for two years associate editor of "Leucocyte," an official student and alumni publication.

After his graduation in 1904 Doctor Bellows was for a short time assistant physician and surgeon at the Republic Iron Mines, Republic, Michigan, after which he returned to New York, and on May 1, 1905, he opened an office in conjunction with his father, with whom he practiced until the latter's death in 1910. Since that time he has practiced alone, holding high rank among the medical men of the county, and like his father giving much time to various kinds of community service. He is a member of the staff of Waterloo Memorial Hospital, and an associate member of the staffs of General Hospital at Geneva and Seneca Falls. He served as physician to the county poor at Waterloo during 1907-1908, 1910-14, 1916-18, 1923 and 1925, and as health officer at Waterloo during 1908-16, physician to the town poor of Fayette, 1908, 1910-19, physician to the town poor of Waterloo, 1911-13, physician to the Seneca County jail at Waterloo, 1911-18, 1923 and 1925, United States pension examining physician and surgeon, 1914-22, and for a time treasurer of the local board of pensions examining surgeons, and health officer of Fayette in 1916-20. During the World War, although physically disqualified in June, 1917, for a commission in the Medical Reserve Corps for which he tried, he served as an examining physician of the board of select-

ive service draft, and the following year became affiliated with the volunteer medical corps of national defense. From 1918 until 1921 he served as physician to the Seneca County almshouse. From 1919 to 1930 he was health officer of the town of Junius. From 1924 to 1926 he served as medical inspector of Waterloo union and high school and was again appointed to that position in 1932.

In addition to these many public duties and those of his private practice, Dr. Bellows finds time to take an active interest in many organizations of a medical, philanthropic and social nature. He is a member of the Medical Society of the County of Seneca and served as its vice-president from 1907 and its president in 1908 and 1931, and in 1926 wrote and published the history of that society. He is also a member of the New York State Medical Society; New York State Society of Industrial Medicine; Geneva Academy of Medicine; and Fellow of the American Medical Association. He is actively identified with the Seneca County Committee on Tuberculosis and Public Health of State Charities Aid Association, and is advisory member of the Seneca County Historical Society. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen of the World, Ancient Order of United Workmen, University Club of Geneva, and is a charter member of Kappa Chapter, Phi Beta Pi Medical fraternity.

On June 21, 1905, Doctor Bellows married Miss Josephine Elizabeth Duff, of Seneca Falls, the daughter of John T. and Elizabeth Hoskins (Clapp) Duff. Doctor and Mrs. Bellows have a daughter, Katherine Arnold, born March 29, 1906. She was married September 29, 1923, to Kenneth Cook Burroughs, of Geneva.

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**George Arnold Bellows, M. D.**, deceased, was an able and well loved physician of Waterloo, respected by his conferees throughout Central New York. He was the son of William L. and Caroline (Plate) Bellows. On his paternal side he was of English ancestry, his sixth great-grandfather having come from England on the ship "Hopewell" in 1635, at the age of twelve years. The family



settled in New England. The third great-grandfather, Thomas Bellows, who died at Seneca Falls in 1833, was a soldier in the American Revolution.

George Arnold Bellows was born at Seneca Falls, June 6, 1856, and received his early education in the local public schools. At thirteen years he entered Seneca Falls Academy and two years later passed the regents examinations, after which he became an employe in the drug store of Perry Van Kleck at Seneca Falls, and while thus employed he began the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. Elias Lester in 1876. In the following year he went to Detroit, Michigan, where he continued his study of medicine under Dr. E. A. Chapoton. In time he entered Detroit Medical College, where he took three full courses of lectures, graduating in 1881. Meantime, he had spent the years of 1879-80 in service as interne at St. Mary's Hospital. Doctor Bellows settled at Waterloo in 1881, immediately after his graduation and from that time until his death in 1910 he practiced his profession there. Almost at once he won the confidence and affection of his fellow citizens and was friend as well as physician to the community. His genial personality, his generosity and public spirit made a unique place for him in the community, and he had innumerable friends. Doctor Bellows was one of the most active members of the Seneca County Medical Society and held offices many times, serving as president in 1884, 1905, and 1906. When the society was reorganized to affiliate with the Medical Society of the State of New York and its name changed to the Medical Society of the County of Seneca, he was also vice-president of that society for three terms and was a member of the Medical Society of the State of New York, as well as a Fellow of the American Medical Association. In 1882 he was appointed health officer of the towns of Waterloo and Fayette, and in the same year was elected coroner of the North Jury District. From 1884 until 1892 he served as physician to the Seneca County Almshouse, and was also United States pension surgeon from 1887 until 1895, and president of the local board during the last year in this capacity. Doctor Bellows was very fond of travel and spent five years in the Bermudas, as well as making other extensive trips.

Doctor Bellows was married on September 27, 1877, to Miss Harriet M. Palmer, of Seneca Falls. Their only child was Dr. Lester W., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history. Doctor Bellows died May 10, 1910, and his wife died April 11, 1921. Both are buried in Restvale Cemetery, Seneca Falls.

Doctor Bellows was affiliated with Mystic Lodge No. 135, Knights of Pythias, Past Chancellor; Waterloo Tent, No. 188, K. O. T. Maccabees; Ancient Order of United Workmen; Kappa Chapter, Phi Beta Pi fraternity, and Waterloo Wheelmen.

Politically, Doctor Bellows was a lifelong Democrat. He was an active member of the Episcopal Church.

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**Hon. Leon S. Church.**—To the office of Judge of the Seneca County Court, Leon S. Church was elevated by election of the people from the office of district attorney, which he had filled with distinction for four successive terms, having made an enviable record as the county's chief law officer. Since ascending the bench he has demonstrated his capacity for the judicial office, both as to learning, decisions, and temperament. His law offices are at Interlaken, where he has an extensive practice, and he is known as one of the able attorneys of central New York.

Leon S. Church was born at Yates, Orleans County, New York, August 8, 1884, the son of Orson S. and Ida M. (Palmer) Church. Orson S. Church was born at Yates, March 3, 1853, and throughout his life had been interested in general farming. He lives at Lyndonville, New York. His wife was born in Wyoming County, New York, and died April 27, 1886. She is buried at Lyndonville. Mr. Church is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Leon S. Church was graduated from Lyndonville High School in 1902 and spent the following three years as a teacher. He then entered the law school of Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1908. From July, 1908, until December, 1909, he was a member of the editorial staff of the Lawyers Cooperative Company, of Rochester, New York. After his admission to the bar in 1909, Judge Church located at Interlaken, where he has



continued in practice to the present time. For four years he devoted himself to the interests of his clients exclusively, and in 1913 was elected to the office of district attorney of Seneca County. He was returned as his own successor for three additional terms, and held the office until 1925. In the fall election of the latter year he was elected Judge of Seneca County and took office January 1, 1926. Judge Church was re-elected in November, 1931.

In August, 1920, Judge Church formed a partnership with Frank Hammond, which continued successfully until January 1, 1923. Among his important clients he numbers O. G. and D. C. Wheeler, bankers, of Interlaken, and the Romulus National Bank.

Judge Church was married in January, 1910, to Miss Elizabeth VanCourt, the daughter of Stephen and Phoebe (Allen) VanCourt, the former a native of Romulus, and the latter of McDuffietown, New York. Mr. VanCourt is deceased and his widow resides at Interlaken. Judge and Mrs. Church have a daughter, Mary, born February 17, 1915. She attends Interlaken High School.

Judge Church is affiliated with Farmerville Lodge, No. 183, F. and A. M., Past Master; Seneca Lodge, No. 494, I. O. O. F., Past Noble Grand; Interlaken Grange, Past Master; Sigma Phi Sigma fraternity, and the Chamber of Commerce. He is also identified with the Seneca County and New York State Bar Associations, and is president of the Interlaken Board of Education. He is a director of the Wheeler National Bank.

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**Lt. Commander George Cook Sweet, U. S. N.,** retired, is one of the most outstanding and experienced radio engineers in the United States. His work as a radio engineer began in 1902 and he planned and constructed many naval coastal radio stations, planned the high power radio chain beginning at Arlington and later embracing California, Honolulu, Panama and the Philippines; installed apparatus in the Philippines and China stations, and constructed the naval station at Guam. At the outbreak of the World War, he was working with the development of navy

plans for high powered radio transoceanic communication, and after the United States entered the World War he was put in charge of the construction and equipment of the station at Annapolis and later at the Lafayette station in France, which is the largest station in the world and the most efficient.

George Cook Sweet was born at Waterloo, New York, June 25, 1877, the son of Hon. William L. and Mary A. (Cook) Sweet.

Hon. William L. Sweet was born in Seneca County in 1852, the son of Abram L. Sweet, who was born in Seneca County in 1818, the son of Col. James Sweet, one of the pioneers of the county. William L. Sweet received his early education in the Waterloo Union School and finished at Cazenovia Seminary. He began his business career as one of the firm of Cook & Sweet, dealers in grain, seed and wool. Later, with his brother, Charles Sweet, he organized the firm of C. C. Sweet & Company in New York City, and while in that business he was a member of the New York Produce Exchange. In 1885 he purchased the Waterloo Flouring Mills, organizing the firm of Sweet, Mongin & Cook, and engaged in the manufacture of flour until 1893, when the mill was destroyed by fire. Mr. Sweet then entered the coal and grain business, with main offices in Syracuse. Subsequently he became president of the Empire Coal Mining Company of Pennsylvania, with offices in New York City. Later, he retired from business and active life and lived at 29 West Elisha Street, Waterloo, until his death, August 4, 1931. He is buried in Maple Grove Cemetery. Mr. Sweet was always active in Republican politics and had served as village president for two years and as president of the school board. Active in party ranks, he was elected member of the Assembly, serving in 1886. The following year he was elected State Senator and served in 1888-89. He was a member of important committees in both Houses, being chairman of the Committee on State Prisons and a member of the Committee on Canals in the Senate. Mr. Sweet held membership in St. Paul's Episcopal Church. In 1873 he married Miss Mary A. Cook, who resides at Waterloo. She is the daughter of George Cook. Their children were: 1. Lt. Commander George C., the subject of this sketch. 2. William L., lives at New York City. 3. Richard L., lives



at Yonkers. 4. Dr. Charles A., lives at Yonkers. 5. James A., lives at Yonkers. 6. Helen M., lives at Yonkers. 7. Mrs. Elizabeth Bogard, lives at Yonkers. 8. Mrs. Charlotte L. Lown, lives at Yonkers.

George Cook Sweet was educated in the grade schools of Waterloo, Waterloo High School, and in 1898 was graduated from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. He received the appointment of midshipman-at-sea in 1898 and was first assigned to the U. S. S. Minneapolis, and served on this ship during the Spanish American War. In 1899 he was ordered to the U. S. S. Philadelphia and sent to the South Seas to Samoa, Navigator Islands. He was in the native uprisings on that island and received the promotion to ensign on April 4, 1900. Two years later he began to specialize in radio work and development and was among the first navy officers to specialize in this field. On April 4, 1903, he was promoted to lieutenant, junior grade, and September 11th of that year was assigned to the Bureau of Equipment for a three months' course of instruction in wireless telegraphy. May 9, 1904, he was put on special duty at the navy yard at Mare Island and on board the U. S. S. Solace to instruct wireless telegraph operators. He subsequently sailed for Honolulu, Guam, Asiatic Station, Cavite and Cabras Island on temporary duty during the stay of the U. S. S. Solace at those places and at that time selected sites for wireless telegraph stations. On June 20, 1904, he was sent to the naval station, Cavite, in connection with the installation of wireless telegraph apparatus for the Asiatic fleet, and on June 21st of that year was promoted to lieutenant, senior grade. On November 5, 1904, he was stationed at Cavite on wireless telegraph duty, and on March 7, 1905, was transferred to Guam, but returned to Cavite on February 7, 1906. On February 21, 1906, he reported to the Governor General in connection with six wireless stations to be erected in the Philippines and on March 16th represented the navy in connection with the location of wireless telegraph stations in the Philippines. In 1907, during the original tests of the Wright aeroplane, he was the naval member of the Inter-Departmental Board, and he was the first naval officer in the world to fly in an aeroplane. The

United States Navy was the first navy to seriously consider the use of the plane as a naval aid.

On July 12, 1910, Lieutenant Sweet became aide-on-staff of Rear Admiral Staunton on board the U. S. S. Tennessee, of the Fifth Division Atlantic Fleet. On October 30, 1910, he was promoted to lieutenant commander, and on September 26, 1911, became executive officer on the U. S. S. Iowa. He was identified with the Bureau of Steam Engineering, October 15, 1913, on temporary duty in connection with radio matters, later being transferred to the navy yard in New York City. On November 11, 1913, he went to Schenectady, New York, on special duty and returned to New York, and later to Washington, D. C., with the Bureau of Steam Engineering, and later to Mare Island, California, for radio duty. On August 8, 1914, he went to San Francisco, California, in connection with the censorship of wireless stations in that vicinity. August 15th he was sent to East San Pedro and San Pedro, California, for radio censorship. He has been placed on the retired list since March 3, 1915. On May 25, 1915, he was sent to the Navy Yard, Mare Island, California, for special duty under the Bureau of Steam Engineering. On September 10, 1917, he became identified with the Bureau of Steam Engineering, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., and October 2nd went to Marion, Massachusetts on temporary duty, and later to New London, Connecticut, Sayville, Long Island, New Brunswick, New Jersey, and Tuckerton, New Jersey.

On October 15, 1917, Lieutenant Commander Sweet did special work at Belmar, New Jersey, in connection with establishing trans-Atlantic radio receiving base, and October 28th was located at New York City and Belmar, New Jersey, in connection with a high power station at Belmar. On November 13th he went to Annapolis, Maryland, in connection with high power wireless stations, and later to Chatham, Massachusetts, and Boston, Massachusetts, in charge of the erection of a high power radio receiving station at Chatham, Massachusetts. He went to Schenectady, New York, January 10, 1918, in connection with the inspection of material for high power trans-Atlantic radio stations, and on February 28th, did temporary duty at Belmar, New Jersey, Phila-



delphia, Pennsylvania, New York City, New Brunswick, New Jersey, being located at Philadelphia in March in charge of shipment of radio material to France. On April 4th, 1918, he was designated as the Navy Department's special representative in all matters pertaining to construction and commissioning of high power radio stations to be erected by the department for the French government in the vicinity of Bordeaux. He again was put on temporary duty at Philadelphia in April, 1918, and later at New York City, Buffalo, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Pittsburgh. In April, 1918, he went to Bordeaux, France, in charge of the organization and assembling of personnel and material and the building of the towers and radio plant of the Lafayette Radio Station erected by the United States Navy Department. He returned to New York City on May 6th, and in June did temporary duty at Saville, Long Island, in the inspection of radio apparatus. On July 3rd he was connected with the United States Naval forces operating in European waters, and on October 5, 1918, did temporary duty at Paris, France, in conference work regarding the change in design of water-cooling systems for high power radio arcs at Lafayette Radio Station. He became assistant naval attache at the American Embassy in April, 1919, and on August 14th was identified with the office of the Naval Intelligence, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. He was again placed on the retired list on October 24, 1919.

Lieutenant Commander Sweet's citations follow: "For Distinguished Service in line of his profession, as the officer charged with the design and installation, first of the high power radio station at Annapolis, Maryland, and later of the still more powerful station at Croix d'Hins, France, the latter being at that time the most efficient radio station in the world." Citation given with Navy Cross on November 11, 1920. 2. Awarded the decoration of the Croix de Officier de L'Instruction Publique, by the French Government. 3. Awarded the Croix de Chevalier of the Legion of Honor for his services in connection with the installation of the Lafayette Radio Station at La Croix d'Hins. Commander Sweet also wears the campaign ribbons of the Spanish American War, Samoa uprisings, and the World War.

After the peace conference was finished in Paris, Commander Sweet came home on the U. S. S. Leviathan with General Pershing and his staff. Soon thereafter he was relieved from active duty and he became a licensed engineer in New York State and practiced consulting engineering in New York City until his family removed to their old Waterloo home, where he now spends most of his time in experimenting on fanciful developments.

Commander Sweet is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Past Commander of the American Legion, Past Commander of the 7th District, American Legion, and belongs to the Army and Navy Club and Chevy Chase Club of Washington, D. C., New York Yacht Club, Seneca Yacht Club, Seneca Lodge No. 113, F. and A. M., and Salem Town Chapter No. 173, R. A. M. He is a trustee of Waterloo Memorial Hospital, and served for several years as a member of the local board of education. He also belongs to the Waterloo Business Men's Association.

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**Hon. James DeVillo Pollard.**—Well known throughout Central New York is James DeVillo Pollard, who is editor and treasurer of the Journal Publishing Company, Ltd., of Seneca Falls, and he has also served as a member of the General Assembly from Seneca County since 1930. He was born at Seneca Falls, December 24, 1892, the son of William J. and Alice B. (Daniels) Pollard.

William J. Pollard was born at Seneca Falls, in January, 1861. He was a graduate of Union College, class of 1882, and for a number of years was identified with the Rumsey Pump Company of Seneca Falls, as superintendent. He served for thirty years as editor of the Courier Journal and at the time of his death in 1910 was president of the New York Press Association. Mr. Pollard was a Republican and held the office of supervisor of Seneca Falls. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and belonged to Pochontas Lodge, No. 211, F. and A. M. His widow resides at Seneca Falls. Their children were: 1. Blanche A., married Frank V. Slavin, who died in 1928, and she resides at Seneca Falls. 2. William H., lives at Beloit, Wisconsin. 3. James D., the subject of this sketch. 4. Emily D. 5. Robert S. 6. Julia. All live at Seneca Falls.



William J. Pollard was the son of Henry and Julia (Goodsell) Pollard, who were natives of Massachusetts. They were pioneers in this section and located at Seneca Falls in 1820. He spent many years as superintendent of the Gould Pump Company. Both he and his wife are buried here. Alice B. (Daniels) Pollard is the daughter of George B. and Emily (Brown) Daniels, natives of New Hampshire. He was a miller by trade and came to Seneca Falls in 1821.

James DeVillo Pollard grew up at Seneca Falls and attended the public schools. He was graduated from Mynderse Academy in 1910, and immediately became associated with the newspaper business. He succeeded his father as editor of the *Courier Journal* upon the latter's death in 1910. This publication was founded in 1837 as a seven column four page weekly newspaper. In 1900 it became a six column, eight page edition. It has always been independent Republican in its politics.

Politically Mr. Pollard is a Republican. He began his public career as supervisor of Seneca Falls, in which capacity he served for seven years, for two years being chairman of the board. He is an active member of the Episcopal Church and has the following lodge affiliations: Pocahontas Lodge, No. 211, F. and A. M.; Salem Town Chapter, No. 173, R. A. M., past high priest; Geneva Commandery, No. 29, K. T.; Damascus Temple; B. P. O. Elks, No. 992, past exalted ruler; and Seneca Lodge, No. 104, Knights of Pythias, past chancellor. He also is identified with the Seneca Falls Business Men's Association, has served as president of the Citizens Club, and for seven years was president of the Board of Trustees of Seneca Falls Hospital.

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**Waterloo Mills, Inc.**—Among the pioneer business establishments of Central New York may be mentioned the Waterloo Mills, Inc., of Waterloo, which had its origin in 1836, and for many years being known as the Waterloo Woolen Manufacturing Company.

The first building was erected in 1836 and manufactured cloth. The east mill was built in 1837, and the business prospered from the beginning. The company purchased wool from farmers in the

community and manufactured what was then known as sheep's gray cloth. Richard P. Hunt was the founder of the business and the original officers were: Thomas Fatsinger, president; Richard P. Hunt, secretary and treasurer, and Sidney Warner, bookkeeper. In the year 1838 power rights were purchased from the Williams estate and subsequently, in 1858, the company began the manufacture of woolen shawls. Upon the death of Mr. Hunt the office of secretary and treasurer went to Mr. Warner. In 1875 Joseph W. Patterson, of New York City, purchased the plant and became president of the institution. During the following year his son, Albert Mansfield Patterson, Sr., became president, having at that time purchased the business from his father.

The company began the manufacture of dress goods in 1882 and two years later made men's clothing materials. In 1880 Daniel Berry had become associated with the enterprise and was in charge of manufacturing reports, as well as pay-master, in which capacity he served for half a century. He retired in 1930, at that time being the oldest employe on the company's payroll in point of service.

Upon the death of Mr. Patterson in 1895, his brother-in-law, William Greenough, became president. He died soon after and was succeeded by Albert Mansfield Patterson, Jr., who continued as president until 1930. At the time that Albert Mansfield Patterson, Sr., took over the plant he modernized the machinery and it has continued as one of the leading manufacturing plants in this section to the present time. Main offices were in New York City until 1884. This was the first plant of its kind in the United States to carbonize the wool by extracting all the vegetable matter from the wool without injuring the fibre. They also were the only manufacturers for many years to use the Bolette condenser, which was manufactured by the Kline-Hundt Company in Belgium, and they sent a representative to purchase the rights.

The following men have served as plant superintendent, in order of their service: Mr. Hutton, Calvin W. Cook, George Murray, Maurice Worth, Mr. Yost, Henry I. Buttery, Charles Howard, Henry I. Buttery, John C. Shank, W. C. Damon, and Henry



Mansfield Buttery, present superintendent. The latter is the son of Henry I. Buttery.

The plant was sold in 1930 and has since been reorganized as the Waterloo Mills, Inc., with main offices at Rochester, New York.

At the present time the company makes a specialty of the manufacture of automobile cloth.

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**Leonard David Stafford.**—To the continued success and popularity of the Seneca Press, Leonard D. Stafford, treasurer and managing editor of the corporation, and a newspaper man of practical knowledge, has added a valued experience that is of direct benefit to his newspaper and to the public at large. Mr. Stafford has always proven a successful factor for whatever project in journalism has had his alliance and editorial supervision, and the Seneca Press as a news and advertising medium has an unrivalled place among newspapers of its standing and circulation in the State of New York.

Mr. Stafford was born at Fair Haven, New York, May 28, 1876, the son of David and Elizabeth (Albring) Stafford, both deceased.

Leonard D. Stafford was educated in the public schools of Fair Haven and at the age of fourteen years entered the employ of the Fair Haven Register, where he learned the newspaper business and remained for three years. He then became publisher of the Cato Citizen and served in that capacity for twenty years. After disposing of the Citizen he became identified with John Kyne as managing head of the advertising department of his four newspapers, and continued there for four years. He then spent two years as a member of the display advertising department of the Syracuse Journal, and on March 1, 1919, came to Seneca Falls where he became associated with Hon. Norman J. Gould, in the management of the Press, succeeding E. Mercer Weiskotten as treasurer, general manager and editor.

The Seneca Press Publishing Company, Inc., was established in 1912 with Norman J. Gould as president, and a capital stock of \$6,500.00. A seven column, eight to twelve page weekly news-

paper, Republican in politics, the Press has the best equipped newspaper plant in the county, and has a circulation of 2,100. Twenty people are employed, and the job department employs fourteen men, who specialize in printing of the highest quality.

Mr. Stafford is active in civic affairs, and professionally is identified with the New York State Press Association and New York State Editorial Association. His lodge affiliations are: Pocahontas Lodge, No. 211, F. and A. M.; Salem Town Chapter, R. A. M. No. 173. He holds membership in the Presbyterian Church.

On December 15, 1898, Mr. Stafford married Miss Ella Smith, of Cato, the daughter of Randall A. and Emma (Shoemaker) Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Stafford have three daughters: E. Gertrude, Winifred E., and Ella Louise. Mrs. Stafford passed to eternal rest May 24, 1931, and is buried in Union Hill Cemetery, Cato, New York.

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**William Louis McGrath.**—One of the able business executives of Elmira, widely known throughout Central New York, is William Louis McGrath, who is vice-president and chief engineer of the Eclipse Machine Company. He was born at Mamaroneck, New York, September 6, 1885, the son of William Henry and Ellen Cynthia (Hawkins) McGrath.

William Henry McGrath was born at St. Louis, Missouri, and his wife was a native of Massachusetts. He went to Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and was interested in engineering work there for the Fitchburg Steam Engine Works. Later, he located in New York City as chief engineer of the Brush Electric Company, and he installed the first electric arc lights on the streets of New York City. He also spent a number of years with the Ft. Wayne (Indiana) Electric Works, at which time he was a pioneer in the installation of artificial refrigeration plants in New Orleans, Louisiana, and other engineering lines. He subsequently went to Mexico on mining interests and met with an accidental death there in 1912. He is buried in Mexico. His wife died in





WILLIAM LOUIS McGRATH





1915 and is buried at Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Their only child was William Louis, the subject of this sketch.

William Louis McGrath is a graduate of the grade schools of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and Fitchburg High School. He received a degree from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute at Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1907, and began his engineering profession with the Royal Motor Works, manufacturers of motorcycles. Mr. McGrath remained with that concern until 1911, when he went with the Pope Manufacturing Company, at Westfield, Massachusetts, later reorganized as the Westfield Manufacturing Company. In 1916 Mr. McGrath came to Elmira with the Eclipse Machine Company, in charge of engineering, and later became secretary of the company. When it was merged with the Bendix Corporation in 1928 he became vice-president. When the Bendix Aviation Corporation was formed in 1929, Mr. McGrath became vice-president of this company as well. Mr. McGrath is of an inventive turn of mind and many patents in this country and foreign countries have been issued on his inventions; many of these inventions have been very outstanding. He is a director of the First National Bank and Trust Company of Elmira.

In 1911 Mr. McGrath was united in marriage with Miss Clara Marble, of Worcester, Massachusetts, the daughter of Edwin H. and Emma (Moulton) Marble, natives of Massachusetts. Mr. Marble is president of the Curtiss & Marble Machine Works, of Worcester. To Mr. and Mrs. McGrath have been born four sons: 1. Donald Marble, born at Westfield, Massachusetts, in 1912. He is a graduate of Culver Military Academy, class of 1931, and attends Cornell University. 2. Malcolm Cushing, born at Westfield, Massachusetts, in 1913, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, now a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis, Maryland. He is an Eagle Scout. 3. Roger Henry, born at Westfield, Massachusetts, in 1915, attends Elmira Free Academy. He is an Eagle Scout. 4. Richard Moulton, born at Elmira, in 1918, attends grammar school in Elmira.

Mr. McGrath is a Republican, a member of Park Congregational Church, and belongs to the Watkins Glen Yacht Club, the Rotary Club, Elmira City Club, and Elmira Country Club. He is

a member of the Executive Committee of the Elmira Area Council of Boy Scouts and National Representative. He is Commodore of the Sea Scouts, and is vice-president of the Association of Commerce. Mr. McGrath is a director in the following concerns: Bendix Aviation Corporation; Bendix Corporation; Eclipse Aviation Corporation; Eclipse Machine Company; Bendix Eclipse, Ltd., of Walkerville, Canada; Eclipse Textile Devices, Inc.; Hydraulic Brake Company; Pioneer Instrument Company; Bendix Research Corporation; Scintilla Magneto Company, and the Bendix Products Company. He also holds membership in the Sons of the American Revolution and his Cushing ancestry dates back to 1638 in this country.

Mr. McGrath and his family enjoy cruising and sailing and own "Seneca, II," a cruiser; "Senecette," a runabout, and "Senecwind," a sailboat. The family has a summer home at Peach Orchard Point on Seneca Lake, and lives at 960 West Church Street, Elmira.

During the World War Mr. McGrath was closely associated with the United States Ordnance Department and the United States Signal Corps. He was also in charge of the "Engineering Forces" for this area as Chairman of Engineering, War Resources Committee, Region No. 6.

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**Thomas W. Pollard.**—After a remarkably fine business career and a useful record as a citizen, Thomas W. Pollard, president of the State Bank of Seneca Falls, died February 4, 1932. He was born at Waterloo, New York, September 6, 1870, the son of A. Seymour and Frances A. (White) Pollard.

A. Seymour Pollard was born at Cayuga, New York, and his wife was a native of Port Byron. He was educated at Auburn and as a young man removed to New York City with his parents. Later he engaged in business at Waterloo as a furrier, and subsequently was interested in the insurance and real estate business at Seneca Falls. Mr. Pollard died April 18, 1909, and his wife died November 29, 1914. Both are buried at Seneca Falls. He was a



Democrat and held numerous public offices. He was a prominent member of the Episcopal Church and was a 32nd degree Mason. To Mr. and Mrs. Pollard were born two children: 1. Thomas W., the subject of this sketch. 2. Charlotte E., lives at Seneca Falls.

A. Seymour Pollard was the son of Thomas C. and Sarah Maria Pollard, natives of Cayuga County. He was interested in the fur business in New York City for a number of years. Thomas C. Pollard was the son of Thomas and Lavinia (Church) Pollard. Both were natives of Bainbridge, Vermont, and in 1776 settled at Seneca Falls. They later removed to Cayuga, where Mr. Pollard had extensive banking interests.

Thomas W. Pollard received his early education in the schools of Seneca Falls and was graduated from Mynderse Academy. When nineteen years of age he entered the services of the old Partridge Bank as a clerk. Thirteen years later it was reorganized as the State Bank of Seneca Falls. Mr. Pollard's ability was recognized in his early youth and for twenty-seven years he served as cashier, being elected to the office of president of the institution in 1930 to succeed W. P. Elwell. Under his able direction the bank continued to exert a strong influence in the financial life of the community. During his service of more than forty years in the bank, Mr. Pollard had gained the confidence and esteem of the entire community.

Mr. Pollard was a devout member of Trinity Episcopal Church and was senior warden and member of the vestry. He was one of the founders of the Citizens Club and for thirty years served as trustee of Pocahontas Lodge, No. 211, F. and A. M., being Master in 1898-99. He also belonged to the Seneca Falls Country Club.

Mr. Pollard always found time for helping every worthy endeavor, and served for many years as a member of the water commission. Much credit is due him for his efforts in working out a plan whereby the village purchased its own plant and kept it out of politics. Mr. Pollard's life was one of service to others, and one in which he fully assumed every responsibility with credit. His business career was honest and upright and his sterling integrity served to perpetuate the family name, which has been a familiar one and interwoven with the history of Seneca Falls for more than a century.

**Lt. Col. Frederick W. Lester, M. D.**—A veteran of the World War, Doctor Lester is recognized as one of the eminent physicians and surgeons of Central New York and has an extensive practice at Seneca Falls. Throughout his career Colonel Lester has successfully sought the highest standards of his profession and his excellent record both as a physician and surgeon is based upon his steadfast zeal for the advancement of the profession as well as upon a lifelong training both in his boyhood home and in the leading medical schools and hospitals and his efficient work during the World War. Besides his recognized prominence in practice, he is one of the foremost citizens of Seneca Falls and a supporter of every movement for public welfare.

Colonel Lester was born at Seneca Falls, July 14, 1870, the son of Dr. Elias and Caroline (Foote) Lester. A complete sketch of Dr. Elias Lester appears elsewhere in this history.

Colonel Lester's primary education was received in the grade schools of Seneca Falls and Mynderse Academy, from which school he was graduated in 1888. Following this he taught school at Kings Ferry, New York, for three years, reading medicine with his father during vacation periods. He then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, graduating in 1894, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. While in New York he served three months as interne in Roosevelt Hospital. On July 14, 1894, Doctor Lester began the practice of medicine at Seneca Falls. In the summer of 1903 he took graduate work in surgery at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and in the summer of 1915 he studied at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. He has specialized in surgery in recent years.

In 1894 Doctor Lester was elected a member of the Seneca County Medical Society, and in 1907 he was elected treasurer of the Medical Society of the County of Seneca, the following year becoming its secretary, vice-president in 1909, and president in 1910. He again became secretary in 1914, and secretary-treasurer during 1915-17. He is also a member of the New York State Medical Society, a Fellow of the American Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is a member of



the associate staff of surgeons of Geneva General Hospital, and a member of the Seneca Falls Hospital. He has twice been elected coroner of the north jury district.

During the World War Colonel Lester served in the Medical Corps, United States Army, being commissioned captain on June 28, 1917, and major on May 3, 1918. He served in this country from August 11, 1917, until August 9, 1918, and overseas from August 19, 1918, until July 3, 1919, his last assignment in France being in charge of Base Hospital No. 51, at Toul. On July 26, 1924, he was commissioned lieutenant colonel, United States Officers Medical Reserve Corps, and in 1929 was again commissioned for a five year period.

Colonel Lester has contributed the following papers to medical literature: Case Report—"Irido Choroiditis" (Syphilitic), Albany Medical Annals, January, 1898; Case Report—"Phytolacca Poisoning," New York State Medical Journal, July, 1911; "Treatment of Varicose Ulcers of Leg," New York State Medical Journal of Medicine, October, 1915; "Ulcer of Thigh (Syphilitic) Cured by Intravenous Salvarsan," Crouse-Irving Bulletin, April, 1916; "Observations on Diagnosis and Treatment in Cases of Skull Fracture," Crouse-Irving Bulletin, March, 1917; "Omentopexy in Cirrhosis of the Liver," Report of Case, American Medical Association Journal, April 10, 1926.

Colonel Lester was married on June 9, 1897, to Miss Elizabeth Campbell, of New York City. To Colonel and Mrs. Lester four children were born: 1. Lora, married Dr. William H. Dunn. They reside in the Cornell Medical Centre, New York City. 2. Miss Caroline Avery, resides in Albany, New York. 3. John Campbell, married Virginia Potts, of Baltimore, Maryland. He is a lieutenant in the United States Navy, stationed at U. S. Submarine Base, Coco Solo, Canal Zone. 4. Agnes Throupe, married Harry V. Wade. They reside in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Politically, Colonel Lester is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, Pocahontas Lodge No. 211, F. and A. M., Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, American Legion, and Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

**Dr. Elias Lester, M. D.**—A veteran of the Civil War and for many years a leading figure in the medical and professional affairs of Central New York, Doctor Elias Lester was a foremost factor in civic matters and public utilities, his counsel and official direction being accorded an honored place in the record of the general advancement of the community. He was an exponent both of good health and of a continuous regard for wholesome and practical dealing in public office for the benefit of the public.

Dr. Elias Lester was born at Genoa, Cayuga County, New York, May 23, 1836, the son of Elihu and Lucy (Bacon) Lester. His grandfather, Ebenezer Lester, with his wife, Cynthia (Avery) Lester, and two brothers, Charles and Daniel Lester, had come to New York at an early day from New London, Connecticut, making the trip on horseback to the then new country of the Cayugas, bringing with them \$3,000 in gold with which to purchase a right to reside in and possess a portion of the new territory. The family had come originally from England and settled near New London, where they lived for several generations, taking an active part in the early life of the colony of Connecticut. The records, going back to Revolutionary times, show that many Lesters and Averys were killed at the battle of Fort Griswold (Groton) near New London, Connecticut.

Elihu Lester was a farmer of very good means and his sons were reared to the hard and unrelenting toil of the farm. Living in a country district and being one of seven children, Elias Lester had advantages of education and advancement that were slight, yet even at an early age he manifested those traits of clearness of thought and decision of character which distinguished him as a man, and which contributed so greatly to his professional success. With an intense longing for education strong in his heart, he with some difficulty attended the district school during the winters and later took an academic course at the Genoa Academy, after which he taught a district school for three years, attaining no small degree of success as a teacher. In 1857 having reached his majority, he was induced through the general excitement incident to the opening up of western farm lands to join an expedition to the great West and take up a claim. Approximately seventy pioneers



proceeded by rail from Auburn, New York, to St. Joseph, Missouri, at that time the extreme western outpost of railroad traffic. From St. Joseph wagon trains were employed to carry the settlers to their destination—"a tract of land near the center of the State of Kansas"—not far from the present city of Atchison. Here they founded Cayuga City, where Elias Lester took up a claim of 160 acres and built a small house or shack with a view of further improving the property, but sickness prevailed. After a year of sickness he sold his claim for what then seemed a good sum, \$300, and returned to Genoa. His sickness while in the west with little or no medical care, made a deep impression upon his mind and he decided to become a physician. He made the necessary arrangements and began the study of medicine with Dr. Cyrus Powers, of Moravia, New York, and lived with his uncle, Elias Rogers, of that place. The times preceding the Civil War filled the air with excitement of the coming conflict, which was at hand, but Doctor Lester did not enlist as he desired to get established in his profession and so went to New York and pursued his studies at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He returned home in 1861 and in that year resumed his work with Doctor Powers at Moravia. However, during the same year in response to a call for medical cadets for the service he went to Washington and was accepted for the service and sent to Washington Street Hospital at Alexandria, Virginia, where he served one year and five months. While there he dressed the wounds of the soldiers who fought at the first battle of Bull Run. He afterward served for seven months at the Hygeia Hotel Hospital at Fortress Monroe. He then resigned his commission and returned to New York City to complete his medical studies. At the close of his college year in 1863 he was appointed assistant surgeon of the 14th New York Cavalry and received his medical diploma, being ordered to the Department of the Gulf. With the exception of seven months of hospital services in New Orleans Doctor Lester remained with his regiment until the close of the war. In 1864 he was promoted to full surgeon and afterwards acted as surgeon of the brigade during the Red River campaign under General Banks, until October, 1864, when he resigned.

Immediately after his return from the war Doctor Lester located in the village of Corinth, Saratoga County, New York, and on December 22, 1864, married Miss Caroline Foote, of Venice, Cayuga County. They were the parents of four children.

After eleven months of practice at Corinth, Doctor Lester removed to Seneca Falls, in October, 1865, buying the practice of Dr. Franklin B. Seelye, who retired in that year. He became a member of the Seneca County Medical Society in 1866, its vice-president in 1876, president in 1877, and was for two years its treasurer in 1880-82. In 1911 he was made an honorary member. He was also one of the founders of the New York State Medical Association and was a Fellow in good standing during the life of that organization.

In 1894, during an epidemic of smallpox, which seemed to assume threatening proportions, Doctor Lester was called upon to take charge of the situation as special health officer for the village of Seneca Falls, employed by the village to treat the cases in quarantine. He took the matter in his usual forceful manner, treated the cases, saving eight out of nine who were stricken, and afterwards successfully defended two damage suits brought against him growing out of acts of quarantine, performed by his orders, the jury in each case bringing in a verdict of "no cause of action."

In 1890 Doctor Lester was a delegate to the International Medical Congress at Berlin. Subsequently, he made other European trips for rest and relaxation. In 1903-04 he was one of the four delegates from New York to the American Medical Association meeting at New Orleans, sitting with the House of Delegates as honored member of that body. Always a great traveler, he made visits to Cuba, Porto Rico, California, Norway, Sweden, Ireland, Italy, and nearly every other European country, besides having been at one time or another in nearly every state in the Union, Mexico, Canada, Nova Scotia, Central and South America. His last years were spent in his home in Seneca Falls, where he continued his practice almost up to the last day of his life, in very moderate activity, prescribing occasionally for some old friends whom he had known for decades. His last trip was to California



in 1912, when he passed the winter there and returned in the spring. He died at Seneca Falls, July 18, 1920, at the age of eighty-four years.

As a physician his stature and commanding presence gave to his words and prescriptions the added weight which goes with such a personality, and his counsel and practice will be remembered for many years. As a man, he was a leader and was noted for his sterling qualities of character and integrity of purpose.

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**William S. MacDonald.**—One of the most widely known and highly esteemed members of the Seneca County Bar, who has successfully engaged in the practice of law in his native town, Seneca Falls, since 1885, is William S. MacDonald, who is a junior member of the well known firm of MacDonald Brothers, of which his older brother, Clarence A. MacDonald, is the senior member. Both have been very prominent for many years in the financial, civic, fraternal and social life of the community, and at various times have held important positions of trust, which they have always filled with great ability, efficiency and faithfulness.

William S. MacDonald was born at Seneca Falls, November 14, 1861, the son of Lt. Col. James H. and Ulyssa P. (Baker) MacDonald. The father was born at Whitehall, New York, in 1829, and his wife was a native of Seneca Falls, born in 1831. He died in 1903 and she died in 1905. Both are buried at Seneca Falls. At the outbreak of the Civil War he was a captain in the 50th New York Engineers and later was promoted to the rank of major. He was wounded in the left arm and breveted a lieutenant colonel. After the close of the war he purchased a farm near Seneca Falls. He subsequently became identified with the National Yeast Company, and for a number of years was interested in the insurance business at Seneca Falls. He was a Republican and served as justice of the peace. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church, Grand Army of the Republic, and Pocahontas Lodge No. 211, F. and A. M. There were three sons in the MacDonald family: Clarence A., Edward, and William S.

William S. MacDonald was educated in the grade schools of Seneca Falls, Seneca Falls Academy, and at the University of Rochester, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1882. He then took up the study of law in the office of Judge P. H. Van Auken, of Seneca Falls, and was admitted to the bar in October, 1885. Since that time he has engaged in the general practice of law at Seneca Falls in association with his brother, as mentioned above. For years he was a director and attorney for the Seneca Falls Trust Company, and in December, 1931, was elected president and director of that institution. At one time he served as deputy attorney general of the State of New York, during the administration of the late Edward Richard O'Malley.

Fraternally, Mr. MacDonald is affiliated with Pocahontas Lodge No. 211, F. and A. M., Past Master, and B. P. O. Elks, Past Exalted Ruler and Life Member. He also is an active member of the Rotary Club, and is identified with the Seneca County Bar and New York State Bar Associations.

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**Clarence A. MacDonald.**—As senior member of the firm of MacDonald Brothers, Clarence A. MacDonald is recognized as one of the able attorneys of Central New York, and for almost half a century has engaged in successful practice at Seneca Falls. He was born here, April 3, 1856, the son of Lt. Col. James H. and Ulyssa P. (Baker) MacDonald.

A sketch of Lt. Col. James H. MacDonald appears elsewhere in this history in the biography of William S. MacDonald.

Clarence A. MacDonald was educated at Rochester Free Academy and the University of Rochester, being a graduate of the latter institution in 1880, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then began to read law with Charles A. Hawley, of Seneca Falls, and having been admitted to the bar in January, 1884, he established himself in the practice of his profession in his native city, in which he has continued since. Mr. MacDonald is a trustee and the attorney for the Seneca Falls Savings Bank and has numerous important business connections in the community.



On November 21, 1889, Mr. MacDonald was united in marriage with Miss Agnes J. Davis, of Seneca Falls, the daughter of James and Jane (Poole) Davis. They had four children: 1. Stuart C., a graduate of the United States Military Academy, at West Point, New York, class of 1915, served in France throughout the World War and is now attending the staff school at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. 2. Lucy D., lives at Seneca Falls. 3. Agnes P., twin sister of Lucy D., lives at Albany, New York. 4. James H., who died while in service during the World War as a member of the United States Marine Corps. He is buried in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

Mr. MacDonald is a member of the Seneca County Bar Association and New York State Bar Association, and is affiliated with Pocahontas Lodge No. 211, F. and A. M.

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**Cyrus Garnsey, Jr.**—The family of Cyrus Garnsey, Jr., has long been associated with the development of Seneca County, and he is recognized as one of its most prominent men. He lives retired at "Lakeholme," on Cayuga Lake, near Seneca Falls. He was born at Fayette, Seneca County, April 10, 1861, the son of Cyrus and Eliza Goodwin (Hoskins) Garnsey.

Cyrus Garnsey was born at Clifton Park, Saratoga County, September 28, 1827. He was a graduate of Albany Academy and at the age of sixteen years entered Brown University, from which he was graduated with honors in 1847. He was a member of Delta Phi and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities. He then read law in the office of Thomas C. Montgomery, of Rochester, but because of ill health retired from that profession and in 1848 purchased "Lakeholme," a farm consisting of 140 acres on the west shore of Cayuga Lake. In 1872 he became associated in business at Seneca Falls in partnership with Charles Keeler, and the business was successfully continued until 1885, when a disastrous fire swept the village and the firm of Keeler & Garnsey was liquidated. Mr. Garnsey died February 19, 1922, and his wife, a native of Seneca Falls, died February 11, 1911. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Seneca Falls, and served as a member of the vestry.

Politically, he was independent. To Cyrus and Eliza G. (Hoskins) Garnsey were born four children: 1. Cyrus, the subject of this sketch. 2. Lucy, married Dr. Selwyn A. Russell, of Poughkeepsie, New York. 3. Mary, born September 30, 1868, died January 22, 1872. 4. Hamilton, born December 24, 1870, married Elizabeth D. Guion, lives at Seneca Falls.

Cyrus Garnsey was the son of Cyrus and Mercy (Harris) Garnsey. He was born at Saratoga, New York, in 1800, the son of Nathan and Lydia (Barnes) Garnsey. Nathan Garnsey was born in 1772, the son of Nathan and Nancy (Hunter) Garnsey. He was born May 14, 1741, the son of John and Anne (Peck) Garnsey. John Garnsey was born April 6, 1709, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Disbrow) Garnsey. Joseph Garnsey was born January 13, 1674, and died September 15, 1754. He was the son of Joseph and Hannah (Coley) Garnsey. Joseph Garnsey was born at Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1650, and died March 3, 1730. He was the son of Henry and Hannah (Andrews) Garnsey. Henry Garnsey was a native of the Isle of Guernsey and died August 13, 1692. He served as "bailiffe" at Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1655. His wife died August 13, 1686. The family name was variously spelled: Guernsyne, Garnsyne, Gernsey, Guernsey, and Garnsey.

Cyrus Garnsey, Jr., obtained his early education in the grade schools of Seneca Falls, and attended Mynderse Academy. He began as a clerk in the National Exchange Bank, now the Seneca County Trust Company, and in 1880 located at Kansas City, Missouri, where he spent three years in the offices of the Kansas Rolling Mill Company. He then was identified with the Cleveland Machine Company at Cleveland, Ohio, until 1885, at which time he entered the services of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Gulf Railroad. He became auditor of the Elevated Railway of Kansas City, Missouri, in 1886, and the following year served in the same capacity with the Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Railroad, with offices at Memphis and Birmingham. Mr. Garnsey was appointed assistant comptroller of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis Railroad System with headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1896, and three years later purchased an interest in



the Galloway Coal Company, and Patterson Transfer Company, of Memphis, Tennessee, at that time assuming general management of their properties in Tennessee and Alabama. He disposed of his interests in 1917 and has since lived retired at Lakeholme.

In January, 1918, he was called to Washington, D. C., and appointed chairman of the Engineers Committee of the United States Fuel Administration. The following May he was appointed Assistant United States Fuel Administrator. He was released from service in December, 1918.

In 1888 Mr. Garnsey married Miss Carrie D. Dobyns, of Memphis, Tennessee, the daughter of Col. Thomas Jefferson and Martha Caroline (Sharp) Dobyns, of Mississippi. Col. Dobyns, an extensive land owner and planter, died in 1865 and is buried at Brandon, Mississippi. His wife died in 1888 and is buried at Memphis, Tennessee. Throughout the Civil War Col. Dobyns served with the Confederate Army. Mrs. Garnsey is a member of the Colonial Dames of America, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Order of America's Armoural Ancestry.

To Cyrus and Carrie D. (Dobyns) Garnsey were born three children. 1. Caroline, who died in 1930. She was the wife of John W. Wade, of Memphis, Tennessee. Their son is Garnsey Wade. 2. Mary Woolsey, married Lt. Col. Charles R. Pettis, who is stationed at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio. They have two children, Elizabeth and Charles R. 3. Cyrus, III, attended Princeton Preparatory School. At the outbreak of the World War he left school and entered the Officers Training Camp at Fort Niagara, New York, where he received the commission of Second Lieutenant of Artillery. He was attached to Battery A and B, Seventh Field Artillery, and was killed in action at Verdun, France, November 11, 1918. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C. He was cited on many occasions for bravery in action and was awarded the French Croix de Guerre and American Distinguished Service Cross.

Mr. Garnsey is a Republican, and has served as elder of the Presbyterian Church. He is trustee of the Board of Education, District No. 8, Fayette.

**Milton R. Sanderson**, who is president of Sandersons, Inc., the oldest and best known funeral establishment in this section of the state, is a descendant of a prominent pioneer family of Seneca County. Mr. Sanderson is also serving in the capacity of County Treasurer. He is a native of Seneca Falls, born April 11, 1889, the son of Charles S. and Isabel (Bowen) Sanderson.

Charles S. Sanderson was born at Seneca Falls, September 23, 1856, and died March 9, 1925. He is buried at Long Beach, California. Throughout his life he was interested in the undertaking business, which was founded by his grandfather at Seneca Falls in 1829. He retired in October, 1916, and during the remainder of his life lived in California. Mr. Sanderson was a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge, 32nd degree. His widow was born at Tyre, New York, and resides at Seneca Falls. They were the parents of two sons: 1. Milton R., the subject of this sketch. 2. Earl J.

Charles S. Sanderson was the son of James and Charlotte (McGraw) Sanderson. James Sanderson was a native of New York City, born in August, 1821. His wife was born at McGraw, Cortland County. Both are buried at Seneca Falls. James Sanderson was the son of James and Mary (Day) Sanderson, the former a native of Newark, New Jersey, and the latter of New York City. The elder James Sanderson came to Seneca Falls in 1819 and ten years later he founded the undertaking business, which has successfully continued to the present time. It was incorporated January 15, 1932.

Milton R. Sanderson is a graduate of the public schools of Seneca Falls and in 1908 was graduated from Elgin (Illinois) High School. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Cornell University in 1912, spent the following two years as a member of the faculty at Mynderse Academy, and from July, 1914, until October, 1916, was associated with his father. Upon the latter's retirement in 1916 the sons, Milton R. and Earl J., became proprietors of the business. Earl J. Sanderson served in France throughout the World War.

In 1913 Mr. Sanderson was united in marriage with Miss Dora Cohn, the daughter of Simon and Minna Cohn, natives of Ger-



many. They are residents of California. Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson have four children: Harold B., Esther, Isabella, and James.

Politically, Mr. Sanderson is a Republican. He has served as treasurer of Seneca Falls, and in November, 1926, was elected to the office of treasurer of Seneca County, being re-elected in 1929. His lodge and club affiliations are: Pocahontas Lodge No. 211, F. and A. M.; Seneca Chapter, No. 173, R. A. M.; Order of Eastern Star; B. P. O. Elks, No. 962; Loyal Order of Moose; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Knights of Pythias; Rotary Club; Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity; and Seneca Falls Business Men's Association. He is a director of the State Bank of Seneca Falls, trustee of the Seneca Falls Savings Bank, and President of the Seneca Falls Cemetery Commission.

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**William Hudson Savage**, who has served as the capable postmaster of Seneca Falls since 1923, is a member of a prominent pioneer family of this section. He was born here March 17, 1872, the son of Stephen H. and Elizabeth (Story) Savage.

Stephen H. Savage died September 15, 1915. He was a native of Pennsylvania and as a young man had settled in Central New York, first at Romulus, and later at Seneca Falls. He was a prosperous farmer and became the owner of a well improved farm near Cayuga Lake. His widow still resides on the homestead there. Politically, Mr. Savage was a Republican and was a charter member of the Grange. To Mr. and Mrs. Savage were born seven children: 1. Frank L., lives at Seneca Falls. 2. Jessie, lives at home. 3. William Hudson, the subject of this sketch. 4. Jennie, married William Paine, both deceased. 5. Maud, lives at home. 6. Harriet, deceased, was the wife of Frederick Twining, who lives at Seneca Falls. 7. Mary, married Sidney Wilbur, lives at Los Angeles, California.

William H. Savage was reared and educated at Seneca Falls. In 1891 he entered the employ of the Gould Manufacturing Company, where he learned the trade of machinist. Four years later he became identified with the Seneca Falls Manufacturing Com-

pany in the same capacity, and from 1906 until 1917 was foreman. He was general foreman of the plant at the time of his promotion to superintendent in 1920. He retired in 1922 and on August 22, 1923, was appointed acting postmaster of Seneca Falls. He received the appointment as postmaster January 8, 1924, and was reappointed to office in 1928 and in 1932.

On November 26, 1906, Mr. Savage married Miss Lina M. Metcalf, the daughter of Augustus and Aurelia (Hood) Metcalf, the former a native of Seneca County and the latter of Orleans County, New York. Both are deceased and are buried at Seneca Falls. Augustus Metcalf was a grandson of Joseph Metcalf, a pioneer of Seneca County, who served throughout the Revolutionary War.

Politically, Mr. Savage is a Republican. He served as village collector for two terms and later as supervisor of the town of Seneca Falls, to fill the unexpired term of Dr. James Madden, later being elected to that office for three consecutive terms. He resigned in September, 1923. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to Pocahontas Lodge, No. 211, F. and A. M.; Salem Town Chapter, R. A. M., No. 173; and Seneca Falls Country Club. He is a member of the New York State League and National League of District Postmasters.

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**John Stangle**, who is superintendent of the Endicott-Johnson Corporation at Owego, is a substantial young business man of Tioga County. He was born in Munich, Germany, May 27, 1905, the son of Lambert and Theresa (Mueller) Stangle.

Lambert Stangle is a retired army officer. He served in the German army for a number of years and held the rank of lieutenant. He now owns a large poultry farm, located near Munich. He and his wife are members of the Catholic Church. Their children are: 1. Lambert, lives at Munich. 2. John, the subject of this sketch. 3. Joseph, farmer, lives near Munich. 4. Martin, who attends a German military school. 5. Theresa, lives at Cody, Wyoming.





JOHN STANGLE





John Stangle obtained his education in the public schools and high school of his native land and spent one year at the University of Munich. He then emigrated to the United States and located at Owego with the Robertson-Barnes, shoe manufacturers. He spent a short time with the Endicott Johnson Shoe Manufacturing Company at West Endicott, and also was employed as assistant foreman by Dunn-McCarthy. He returned to Owego in 1925 as foreman in the plant of the Endicott-Johnson Corporation, and in 1931 became assistant superintendent. Since July, 1932, he has been plant superintendent.

On August 19, 1924, Mr. Stangle was united in marriage with Miss Ella Mantei, a native of Upham, North Dakota, the daughter of Julius and Pauline (Mathis) Mantei, natives of Germany. He moved with his parents at the age of twelve years to Russia, and he served in the Russian army as an officer, before he came to the United States. He followed farming until his death. The former died in 1927 and is buried in Owego. Mrs. Mantei lives in Owego. Mr. and Mrs. Stangle have a son, Arthur, born May 14, 1925.

Mr. Stangle is an independent Republican and holds membership in the German Lutheran Church.

He became a citizen of the United States on March 13, 1929.

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**Olin Enoch Emens.**—Prominent among the pioneer business men of Seneca Falls, Olin Enoch Emens is also one of the representative citizens of this community. He is executive vice-president of the Seneca County Trust Company and until 1932 was actively engaged in business here. Mr. Emens was born in the town of Varick, Seneca County, August 25, 1857, the son of Enoch and Eliza A. (VanRiper) Emens.

Enoch Emens and his wife were natives of Seneca County, born in the town of Varick. He was a carpenter by trade and for many years was also interested in general farming. He and his wife are buried at McDuffietown. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Emens were born eight children: 1. Martha (first) deceased. 2. Olin (first), de-

ceased. 3. Martha (second), deceased. 4. Olin E., the subject of this sketch. 5. Humbolt, lives at Glendale, California. 6. Edgar A., lives at Beverly, Massachusetts, for a number of years a professor at Syracuse University. 7. Hamilton, deceased. 8. Frederick, retired, lives at East Varick.

Enoch Emens was the son of Joseph and Martha Emens, who were natives of New Jersey and among the first settlers of Seneca County. They are buried at McDuffietown.

Olin Enoch Emens attended the district schools of the town of Varick and remained on his father's farm until 1877. He then became interested in the general mercantile business at Fayette, with which he was successfully identified for thirty years. He was appointed superintendent of the Cayuga-Seneca Canal in 1907, with offices at Waterloo, and served in that capacity until 1911. He then conducted a leather goods business at Seneca Falls until his retirement in 1932. Mr. Emens had been a trustee of the Seneca Savings Bank since 1922. He became a director of the Seneca County Trust Company in 1924, and was elected executive vice-president of that institution in 1929.

In 1882 Mr. Emens was united in marriage with Miss Emma Burroughs, who died in 1915. She was the daughter of William and Lucinda (Berry) Burroughs, who were natives of Seneca County. To Mr. and Mrs. Emens were born four children: 1. Lura B., married Albert J. May, lives at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They have a son, William. 2. Grace, married Henry C. Guernsey, lives at Arlington, Massachusetts. They have three sons: Emens, Henry, and Robert. 3. W. Claire, married Dorothy Choate, lives on the Emens homestead near Varick. They have seven children: Emma, Evelyn, Claire, Mary, Olin, Lawrence, and Doris. 4. Evelyn, married Lawrence Kent, lives at Aurora, Illinois.

Mr. Emens has always been a Republican. He served as town clerk of the town of Varick for a four year period and as supervisor for nine years, being chairman of the board during six terms. He belongs to the Grange, B. P. O. Elks, and Pocahontas Lodge, No. 211, F. and A. M. He also is a member of Seneca Falls Business Men's Association.



**Hermon A. Carmer.**—One of the prominent citizens of Seneca Falls and most able attorneys of central New York, Hermon A. Carmer is highly esteemed in the community where he has spent so many years. He was born at Dryden, Tompkins County, New York, April 14, 1858, the son of Abram C. and Sarah (Griswold) Carmer.

Abram C. Carmer and his wife were natives of Dryden, New York, and are buried there. Throughout his active career he was a building contractor. He was a Republican and held membership in the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Carmer were born seven children: 1. Dr. Myron E., born September 17, 1854, physician, lives at Lyons, New York. 2. Willis G., born November 6, 1856, lives retired at Geneseo, was for twenty-six years superintendent of schools at Albion, New York. 3. Hermon A., the subject of this sketch. 4. Adeline, born April 18, 1860, lives at Dryden. 5. Sarah Jane, born July 15, 1863, died November 3, 1919. 6. Bertha, born September 3, 1868, married Frank Ballard, lives at Dryden. 7. Edna born September 28, 1870, married Frank Whipple, lives at Gloversville, New York.

Abram C. Carmer was the son of John and Hulda (Hart) Carmer, the former a native of New York and the latter of New Jersey. He was a farmer and is buried at Dryden, New York. John Carmer was the son of Abram Carmer, the son of Isaac Carmer, of Holland descent. Isaac Carmer served during the Revolutionary War. He also is buried at Dryden.

Sarah (Griswold) Carmer was the daughter of Nathan and Patience (Lindsey) Griswold. He was born at Fairfield, New York, May 21, 1798, and died September 19, 1877. His wife was born March 3, 1802, and died May 15, 1866. Nathan Griswold was the son of Edward and Asenath (Hurd) Griswold. Edward Griswold was born at Killingworth, Connecticut, February 11, 1758, and died March 21, 1843. His wife died April 2, 1852. Both are buried at Dryden. He was a resident of Killingworth from 1758 until 1790, from 1790 until 1805, lived at Fairfield, New York, and spent the remainder of his life at Dryden. He enlisted for service in the Revolutionary War in May, 1776, at the age of eighteen years, and served for a period of thirty-seven months. He en-

gaged in the battles of Fort Anne, Germantown, Mud Fork, and Newport, being discharged with the rank of private. "The Record of Service of Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution" (pages 711-12) state that there were sixty-two Griswolds in the service. Edward Griswold was an extensive land owner at Killingworth, Connecticut, and Fairfield, New York, and also owned 640 acres near the Village of Dryden. He was overseer of highway district No. 16. The Presbyterian and Methodist churches at Dryden, as well as the former fair buildings, stand on sections of the original Griswold homestead. He was a successful stockman and also a grain farmer, his products being disposed of at Albany, New York. Aseneth (Hurd) Griswold was born March 8, 1758, and died April 2, 1852.

Hermon A. Carmer attended the district schools of Dryden and taught school for three years after his graduation from Monroe Collegiate Institute. He also studied law in the offices of Signor & Wage, and subsequently attended Albany Law School. He was graduated from the University of Michigan with the degree of LL. B. in 1883, and during the following year was admitted to the bar. He began the practice of law at Cortland, New York, in 1884, and two years later was appointed examiner of claims, United States Government, with offices at Washington, D. C. Mr. Carmer located at Seneca Falls in 1891, and at that time formed a partnership with the late Charles A. Hawley, under the firm name of Hawley & Carmer. This association continued for twenty-four years, Mr. Carmer later being a partner with Judge Leon Church until the latter's elevation to the bench. Mr. Carmer is also Referee in Bankruptcy, and has served in that capacity since 1920. He has been a trustee of Elmira College for a quarter of a century and has also served as president of the local school board.

In 1886 Mr. Carmer was united in marriage with Miss Ella Rosa, daughter of Cornelius and Sarah (Westover) Rosa. They were natives of New York. Both are deceased and are buried at Seneca Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Carmer have no children.

Mr. Carmer is a Democrat. He is an elder of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to Pocahontas Lodge, No. 211, F. and A. M., and Seneca County Bar Association.



**Hon. Norman Judd Gould.**—As president of Goulds Pumps, Incorporated, and former member of Congress from Seneca Falls, Norman Judd Gould is nationally known in business and financial circles, and has brought to the city of Seneca Falls great publicity as a manufacturing center. He is also one of the most public spirited citizens in the community and a prime mover in many successful enterprises.

Mr. Gould was born at Seneca Falls, March 15, 1877, the son of Seabury S. and Mary Mitchell (Judd) Gould. Seabury S. Gould was born at Seneca Falls, December 10, 1848, and received his education in the public schools of the town, and at Dwight High School, Clinton, New York. He then entered Hamilton College, from which he was graduated in 1868. From college Mr. Gould went to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, to take charge of some of his father's business interests at that place. He returned to Seneca Falls in 1872, where he became secretary of the Gould Manufacturing Company. He held that office until the death of his father in 1886, at which time he was elected vice-president. In that capacity he was retained until 1896, and at the death of his brother, James H. Gould, he was chosen to succeed him as president of the company. Under his direction the Gould Manufacturing Company witnessed an era of unprecedented growth and success. It was upon his advice that the company made a wide departure in the purchase of a large piece of property located on the railroad on the west side of the village on which it built a separate plant for the production of its triplex power pumps. He was of the opinion that the establishment of the new plant in that location was one of the most important steps taken by the company during his regime. In 1906 Mr. Gould's health failed and he was compelled to withdraw from the active management of the business.

On April 7, 1875, Seabury S. Gould married Miss Mary Mitchell Judd, of Chicago. Their children were: 1. Norman Judd, the subject of this sketch. 2. James, born November 3, 1878, married Mary Ellen Sedgewick, of Syracuse. He died March 25, 1905. 3. Cora, born September 27, 1885, died June 3, 1920. 4. Seabury S., Jr., a graduate of Cornell and Hamilton Universities. He was

associated with the Gould Manufacturing Company until June 2, 1912, when he was transferred to the Chicago office, remaining there for one year. In January, 1914, he was elected assistant treasurer. In 1917 he entered the service during the World War and was discharged in March, 1919. He then returned to the company as assistant to the president and in 1924 was elected vice-president. In 1926 when the new name for the company was assumed, Goulds Pumps, Inc., he became vice-president and is still serving in that capacity. He was married November 3, 1913, to Miss Ana Fulton, of Washington, D. C., and they have a son, Seabury, born December 20, 1914. 5. Edward, born December 19, 1891.

Seabury S. Gould was the son of Seabury S. and Hannah Bostwick (Hoskins) Gould. He was born at Sharon, Connecticut, August 8, 1812, and made his first adventure in the business world at Ellenville, New York, from which he soon went to Poughkeepsie, New York. In 1834 at the age of twenty-two years he arrived at Seneca Falls and there engaged in the mercantile business. In 1852 he disposed of his establishment and purchased an interest in the pump factory of Downs & Company, which was founded in 1848 by Abel Downs, his brother-in-law. In 1864 Mr. Downs withdrew from that concern and the name was changed to the Gould Manufacturing Company, with Mr. Gould as president. He held that office until the time of his death. Under his management the plant was extended and the number of employes increased. It was under his presidency that the first export business was established. Seabury S. Gould was married April 10, 1837, to Miss Hannah Bostwick Hoskins, of Seneca Falls, and to them were born the following children: 1. Amelia, born August 25, 1838, married Dr. W. A. Swaby. 2. Elizabeth, born October 13, 1840, married John Parsons. 3. James H., born October 21, 1844. 4. Hannah, born November 29, 1858, married Wilhelmus Mynderse.

Norman Judd Gould received his preparatory education at Preparatory School, Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and in 1899 was graduated from Cornell University with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. After the completion of his education he returned



to Seneca Falls, where he at once entered into active connection with his father's business, the Gould Manufacturing Company, and when the latter's health failed in 1906, and he felt the necessity of placing the management of the concern into other hands, the son, Norman Judd Gould, then vice-president, assumed charge and in 1908 was elected president. In 1926 when the name was changed to Goulds Pumps, Inc., Mr. Gould was again elected president. He has continued to carry on the same efficient guidance as did his father before him, and he is ever alert to promote the interests of this gigantic industry. Aside from his business interests, Mr. Gould has taken an active part in politics, serving as chairman of the Republican County Committee; alternate-at-large to the Republican National Convention from his State in 1908; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1916; member of the House of Representatives, Sixty-fourth to Sixty-seventh Congress, 1915-1923. In 1911 the Seneca Press Publishing Company was established and he became president and is still serving in that capacity.

Mr. Gould is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, National Geographic Society, Franklin Institute, and Sigma Phi fraternity. He is also a member of Pocahontas Lodge, No. 211, F. and A. M.; Salem Town Chapter, No. 173, R. A. M.; Salem Town Commandery, K. T., Auburn; Central City Consistory, 32nd degree; and Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Rochester. He is also a member of the India House, New York City.

On July 2, 1921, Mr. Gould was united in marriage with Miss Anna Benrath, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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**Joseph John Doyle.**—As a member of the firm of Doyle & Pelton, of Seneca Falls and Penn Yan, Joseph John Doyle is recognized as one of the able young lawyers of Central New York. He was born at Phelps, Ontario County, March 8, 1906, the son of Andrew M. and Catherine (Griffin) Doyle.

Andrew M. Doyle was born at Oaks Corners, and now lives at Phelps. He is a blacksmith by trade and operates a shop at that

place. His wife, born in Ontario County, died in 1918, and is buried at Phelps. They held membership in St. Francis Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Doyle were born two children: 1. Joseph John, the subject of this sketch. 2. Catherine Marie, attends Phelps High School.

After his graduation from the grade schools of Phelps, Joseph John Doyle attended St. Francis De Sales High School, at Geneva, from which he was graduated in 1923. He then spent two years at Union College and in 1928 was graduated from Albany Law School. He served a clerkship in the office of his uncle, Joseph P. Doyle, at Rochester, during 1928-29 and was admitted to the New York Bar during the latter year. On August 15, 1931, Mr. Doyle located at Seneca Falls as a partner of Homer C. Pelton. Mr. Doyle is an active member of the Seneca County Bar Association and belongs to the Rochester Bar Association.

In June, 1932, Mr. Doyle was united in marriage with Miss Agnes Pauline Gallagher, the daughter of Michael P. and Ann (McDermott) Gallagher, natives of Ireland. The former lives retired at Geneva. His wife is deceased.

Politically, Mr. Doyle is independent. He is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose, also being past president of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and a delegate to the national convention held at San Francisco, California, in 1928.

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**Don Calarco.**—One of the representative business men of Seneca Falls is Don Calarco, who is president of the Seneca Baking Company. He was born at St. Alesio, Province of Calabria, Italy, March 27, 1904, the son of Dominico and Dominica (Catalano) Calarco.

Dominico Calarco is a native of Italy and now lives retired at Seneca Falls. He settled at Scranton, Pennsylvania, and in 1910 removed with his family to Seneca Falls, where he became interested in the bakery business. He is a Democrat and a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. His wife died in 1929 and is buried



at Seneca Falls. Their children were: 1. Joseph, wholesale grocer, Seneca Falls. 2. Charles, lives at Toronto, Canada. 3. Mary, the widow of M. Veronic, lives at Guelph, Canada. 4. Anthony, lives at Toronto. 5. William, lives at Toronto, served throughout the World War as a member of the 79th Division. 6. Elizabeth, married Ralph Sinicropi, lives at Seneca Falls. 7. Frank, deceased. 8. Don, the subject of this sketch.

Don Calarco attended the public schools of Seneca Falls. As a young man he was employed by the Ward Baking Company of Rochester. Later he went with the Orsinger Baking Company, of LaSalle, Illinois, and in 1923, returned to Seneca Falls to become associated in business with his brother, Joseph. He became sole owner of the enterprise in 1929. The company carries on a business within a radius of 150 miles of the city and operates seven trucks in its delivery service. They are manufacturers of bread and baked goods for the Market Basket Corporation, as well as for an extensive retail trade.

In 1925 Mr. Calarco married Miss Loretta Smith, of Rochester, New York. They have three daughters: Rita, Vera, and Marcia. The latter are twins.

Mr. Calarco is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and is independent politically.

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**Daniel W. Brown.**—As president of the Romulus National Bank, Daniel W. Brown has been identified with the business interests of Seneca County during the past thirty years. He is a native of New York, born at Skaneateles, Onondaga County, May 10, 1874, the son of Marcus T. C. and Louisa (Westfall) Brown.

Marcus T. C. Brown engaged in general farming throughout his life, being the owner of large tracts of land in Cayuga County. He was a native of Cayuga County, as was also his wife. Both died in 1916 and are buried in Sand Hill Cemetery at Sempronius, New York. He was a Republican and held numerous township offices. She was a member of the Moravia Baptist Church. Their only child was Daniel W., the subject of this sketch.

Marcus T. C. Brown was the son of Daniel and Mary Ann (Huff) Brown, the former a native of Columbia County and the latter of Queens County, now Nassau County, New York. He owned and operated a tannery in Cayuga County and also was interested in farming. Both he and his wife are buried in Sand Hill Cemetery, Sempronius. Daniel Brown was the son of Daniel and Polly (LaSeure) Brown. He was a native of Columbia County and she was born in Massachusetts. They are buried at Kelloggs-ville, Cayuga County. Polly (LeSeure) Brown was the daughter of Rev. John LeSeure, a minister of the Baptist Church. He served during the Revolutionary War, and is buried at Kelloggs-ville.

Daniel W. Brown was reared and educated at Sempronius and attended Moravia High School. He taught school for five years in the village of Sempronius, and in 1902 he removed to Romulus where he has since been interested in the produce business. He was originally associated with Mr. Compton and from 1904 until 1906 the firm was conducted as Brown & Springer. In the latter year Elmer Bow became associated with Mr. Brown. They are extensive dealers in general produce, coal, and fertilizer. In 1920 Mr. Brown was one of the founders of Romulus National Bank, of which he served as vice-president and director until 1923. In that year he was elected president of the institution.

On December 23, 1896, Mr. Brown married Miss Minnie Harter, the daughter of Daniel and Helen (Heath) Harter. Both are deceased. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is historian of Seneca County, having been appointed by the Board of Supervisors, and she is also historian of the town of Romulus. She is a member of Shining Light Chapter, O. E. S., and the Historical Society of Seneca Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have a son, Richard H., born October 25, 1898. He is a graduate of the College of Law, Cornell University, and at the present time is assistant district attorney of Nassau County. During the World War he served as a member of the Student Army Training Corps. He married Miss Anna Bergler, and they have four sons: Daniel W., Richard H., Jr., George Marcus, and Robert Francis. They reside at Valley Stream, Long Island.



Politically, Mr. Brown is a Republican, and he has held the offices of village clerk, supervisor, assessor, and school director. He is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 114, F. and A. M.; Ovid Chapter, No. 92, R. A. M.; Geneva Commandery, No. 29, K. T.; Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S, Rochester; and Patrons of Husbandry.

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**Charles C. Inshaw.**—Widely known throughout Seneca County is Charles C. Inshaw, county clerk, and successful farmer. He was born in New York City, June 10, 1880, the son of Richard B., Jr., and Hannah (Cutler) Inshaw.

Richard B. Inshaw, Jr., was born in New York City in 1831, and his wife was also born there. They died in 1918 and 1916, respectively, and are buried at Chicopee, Massachusetts. The Inshaw family originally came to this country from England, and Richard B. Inshaw, Sr., was well known as a manufacturer of guns and swords during the Mexican War in 1847-49. His son, Richard, B., Jr., was reared and educated at Chicopee, Massachusetts, and also was interested in business with his father. Later, he engaged in the pump business in New York City, and at the time of his retirement was identified with the Dean Steam Pump Company. He was a Democrat, a member of the Episcopal Church, and belonged to Mariner Lodge, F. and A. M., and later to Chicopee Lodge, F. and A. M., and New York Commandery. To Mr. and Mrs. Inshaw were born three children: 1. Emma, married Henry C. Hyde, lives at Springfield, Massachusetts. 2. Richard, deceased. 3. Charles C., the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation in 1898 from Chicopee High School, he represented the Prang Publishing Company, text book manufacturers, and he also was identified for a number of years with D. Appleton & Company, publishers, of New York City. He specialized in the sale of text books in school systems throughout New York and New Jersey. At this time Mr. Inshaw also purchased a farm on Cayuga Lake at Seneca Falls, to which he moved in 1917. He owns and operates ninety acres.

In 1904 Mr. Inshaw was united in marriage with Miss Arline Lewis, the daughter of Selah and Kate (Fuller) Lewis, of Hartford, Connecticut. Both are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Inshaw have no children.

Politically, Mr. Inshaw is identified with the Democratic party and for twelve years he has been a member of the Democratic County Committee. In November, 1931, he was elected county clerk of Seneca County and assumed office on January 1, 1932. He is an active member of the Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with Chicopee Lodge, F. and A. M. He has always taken a prominent part in Grange affairs, being Past Master of Seneca Grange, No. 44, Past Overseer of Pomona Grange of Seneca County, and member of the New York State and National Grange.

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**Daniel F. Everts, M. D.**—As a physician and surgeon, the skill and ability of Dr. Daniel F. Everts was widely recognized throughout Seneca County, and for almost half a century he successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Romulus. He was also a Civil War veteran. Dr. Everts died at Romulus, April 11, 1920. He was born at Hector, Tompkins (now Schuyler) County, New York, February 13, 1845, the son of Curren and Mary A. (Dickerson) Everts.

The Everts family is prominent in the early history of New York. Daniel Everts, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, served throughout the American Revolution. His son, Curren, was highly educated and was well known as a teacher. His wife was a native of New Jersey. Both are buried in Schuyler County. He was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Everts were born two sons, James and Daniel F., both deceased.

Daniel F. Everts attended the district schools of Tompkins County and at the age of eighteen years volunteered for service in the Civil War. He served as a private in Company I, Fourth Regiment, New York Heavy Artillery. He took part in the mem-



orable battles of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania, later was at Cold Harbor, Deep Bottom, Petersburg, Reams Station, and other important skirmishes and battles. The winter of 1864-65 was spent in winter quarters at Petersburg, and in the spring he took part in the battles of Sutherland Station, New Shore, and Appomattox. He endured all the hardships of the forced march from Cold Harbor to City Point, also of the second forced march from Deep Bottom to Reams Station, being seriously injured at Reams Station while assisting in tearing up the railroad to prevent transportation of Southern troops, and he never fully recovered from these injuries. At the close of the war he was discharged, October 5, 1865, as a corporal, and returned to his home in Schuylers County. He entered the private school of Prof. David Trowbridge and after one year engaged in the vocation of teaching, which he followed from 1866 until 1872. He began the study of medicine in 1871 with Dr. Alfred Sears, of Townsendville, Seneca County, and in 1874 he entered Long Island College Hospital at Brooklyn, where he remained one year. He then entered Buffalo Medical College, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in February, 1875, and he returned to Long Island College Hospital, also receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the latter institution in 1876. He spent a year in private practice and dispensary work at Brooklyn, New York, and in September, 1876, located at Romulus, where he was in active practice until the time of his death.

In 1877 Dr. Everts became a member of Seneca County Medical Society, was its secretary during 1890-1902, vice president in 1881, and president in 1882. In 1915 he became an honorary member. He was also a member of the New York State Medical Society. Doctor Everts was a Republican in politics and served as health officer of Romulus for over thirty years. He was a member of the Board of Education for twenty years, and served several terms as president. He also served as a member of the United States Pension Board for Seneca County.

On June 23, 1875, Doctor Everts married Miss Mary B. Severn, the daughter of Orin and Rachael (Wheeler) Severn, natives of Seneca County. Mr. Severn was a prominent Democrat and held

many public offices. He and his wife are buried at Interlaken. Two daughters were born to Doctor and Mrs. Everts: 1. Corna, lives at Romulus. She is a graduate of the Romulus public schools and Ithaca Conservatory of Music. She is treasurer of the Board of Education and active in the Episcopal Church societies. 2. Louisa, deceased.

Doctor Everts attended the Episcopal Church, Grand Army of the Republic, and Fayette Lodge, No. 539, F. and A. M.

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**Clinton L. Garnett.**—Among the most progressive business men and representative citizens of Seneca County, Clinton L. Garnett, of Romulus, is outstanding. He is a native of this county, born at Fayette, November 24, 1886, the son of Millard F. and Alida L. (McDuffie) Garnett.

Millard F. Garnett is a native of Fayette, Seneca County, and a well known resident of Romulus. He was interested in general farming until the date of his retirement in 1912. Mr. Garnett was one of the founders of the Romulus National Bank in 1920 and is a director of that institution. He is a Republican and has served as justice of the peace for fifteen years. He holds membership in the Lutheran Church, Fayette Lodge No. 539, F. and A. M., and East Fayette Grange No. 40. Alida L. (McDuffie) Garnett died January 31, 1929, and is buried in Mt. Green Cemetery, Romulus. Their only child was Clinton L., the subject of this sketch.

Clinton L. Garnett is a graduate of the public schools of Fayette and Waterloo, and in 1910 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Syracuse University. During his high school career he was employed by Charles Genung, funeral director, and in 1912 Mr. Garnett was graduated from the Massachusetts College of Embalming, at Boston, Massachusetts. During 1912-15 he was a traveling representative of the Victor Preserving Company, and in the latter year located at Romulus in association with John W. Snook, under the firm name of Snook & Garnett, funeral directors and furniture dealers. Mr. Garnett was registered in the State of New York as an embalmer in 1916, and in 1922 took



graduate study at Worsham College of Embalming, Chicago, Illinois. He became owner of the Romulus business on April 1, 1926. Mr. Garnett is also interested in the insurance business as representative for the following companies: Home Insurance Company of New York City; Hartford Insurance Company, of Hartford, Connecticut; U. S. Fidelity & Guarantee Company, of New York City; National Union, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and American Employers of New York City.

In 1910 Mr. Garnett was united in marriage with Miss Mabel Dennison Hall, the daughter of ——— and Ellen (VanDuyne) Hall, natives of Seneca County, both now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Garnett were born two daughters: Eleen, a graduate of Romulus High School, class of 1931, attends Wells College. 2. Elizabeth Hall, a student.

Mr. Garnett is a Republican and has held the offices of deputy sheriff and justice of the peace. He is also secretary of the Romulus Board of Education. He holds membership in the Episcopal Church, and has the following lodge affiliations: Fayette Lodge No. 539, F. & A. M., Past Master; Ovid Chapter No. 92, R. A. M.; Skoiyase Council No. 83, R. S. M. M., Waterloo; Geneva Commandery No. 29, K. T., Past Commander; Umarkan Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R.; and Damascus Temple, Rochester. He also belongs to the Geneva Rod & Gun Club, Ithaca Gun Club, New York State Funeral Directors Association, and New York State Embalmers Association. On August 1, 1932, Mr. Garnett was appointed receiver of Summit Foundry Company of Geneva, New York.

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**Jay B. Purcell**, who is postmaster of Ovid, New York, is among Seneca County's most substantial citizens. He was born at Ovid, August 17, 1888, the son of John E. and Sarah (Smith) Purcell.

John E. Purcell was a native of Ovid, and for many years successfully engaged in business there. He was a Republican and held the office of sheriff of Seneca County. He also owned and operated a farm of 100 acres near Ovid, which was the original Purcell homestead. Sarah (Smith) Purcell was born in Herkimer County, New York. Both Mr. and Mrs. Purcell died in February,

1926, and are buried at Ovid. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Her father, Joseph Smith, was a native of England and an early settler of Ovid. To Mr. and Mrs. Purcell four children were born: 1. Mary L., married John N. Eastman, Ovid, New York. 2. George T., Waterloo, New York. 3. Inez, married Robert J. Purdy, Ovid, New York, and 4. Jay B., subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from Ovid High School in 1907, Jay B. Purcell was associated with his father's farming interests. From 1911 until 1926 he owned and operated a farm near Ovid and in the latter year removed to the village to assume his duties as postmaster. He has also held the offices of town collector and supervisor of the town of Ovid.

In 1911 Mr. Purcell married Miss Blanche Gilgen, the daughter of Ernest and Nellie F. (Thompson) Gilgen. The former, a native of Switzerland, is deceased. His widow was born at Victor, New York, and now resides at Ovid.

Mr. Purcell is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to Union Lodge, No. 114, F. and A. M., and B. P. O. Elks, No. 992.

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**William Douglas Fox.**—In the death of William Douglas Fox on February 13, 1931, the city of Penn Yan lost one of its valued business men and representative citizens. He was born here, January 9, 1876, the son of William Harrison and Frances (Cornwell) Fox.

William Harrison Fox was a native of New York, born at Middleburg, Schoharie County, August 2, 1840. As a young man he settled at Penn Yan, where he was the founder of the Keuka Paper Mills, and he was identified with that industry until his death in May, 1912. His wife was the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Middleton) Cornwell. To Mr. and Mrs. Fox were born four children, of whom William Douglas, subject of this sketch, was the second in order of birth.

William Douglas Fox grew up at Penn Yan and acquired his education in the public schools. He was a graduate of Penn Yan





WILLIAM DOUGLAS FOX





Academy and Sadler's, Bryant and Stratton Business College of Baltimore (Maryland). For a short period he was employed in the Baldwin Bank, and later purchased the interest of his father's business partner, Perley Curtis, in the Keuka Paper Mills. Harry D. Fox, a younger brother, was taken into partnership prior to the death of his father in 1912, and the mills were operated as William H. Fox & Sons until 1915, at which time Harry Fox died, and his share in the business was acquired by another brother, John C. Fox. The firm, however, retained the name of William H. Fox & Sons. In 1927, William D. Fox retired on account of ill health. As mentioned above, he died in 1931, and is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Penn Yan.

On August 7, 1912, Mr. Fox was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Mary Hall, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Christina (Benger) Hall, of Elmira. Mr. Hall spent many years in the employ of the Elmira Evening Star as advertising manager. He is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Fox had no children.

Politically, Mr. Fox was a Republican. He was an active member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, of Penn Yan, and was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, thirty-second degree. He had taken an especial interest in motor boating and was the owner of several fine boats. He also owned a summer home on the west shore of Keuka Lake, about three miles south of Penn Yan.

Mrs. Fox is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and traces her ancestry to Revolutionary War days. She resides at the old Fox homestead at 158 Main Street, Penn Yan.

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**Howard L. Adams.**—Prominent in educational affairs in Central New York is Howard L. Adams, who is principal of Romulus Union School in Seneca County. He is a native of New York, born at Ellicottville, April 11, 1907, the son of Lewis and Ella (Lounsbury) Adams.

Lewis Adams has been interested in the lumber business throughout his life and is a resident of Ellicottville. He was born at Great Valley, New York, as was his wife. She died in 1928

and is buried at Ellicottville. Mr. Adams is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to the Maccabees. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams were born three children: 1. Pearle, married Arthur McFarland. 2. Rena, married Eric Sherman. 3. Howard L., the subject of this sketch. Both daughters live at Ellicottville.

Howard L. Adams received his early education in the public schools of Ellicottville, and entered Alfred University after his graduation from high school in 1925. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1929 and during the following two years was vice principal and instructor in mathematics and science at Romulus High School. He received his present appointment as principal in September, 1931. Mr. Adams is an active member of the New York State Teachers Association, New York State Principals Association, New York State Teachers Retirement Association, and is vice president of the Seneca County Teachers Association.

On August 15, 1932, Mr. Adams was united in marriage with Miss Mary McNaney, the daughter of William and Alice (Halpin) McNaney, of Romulus.

Politically, Mr. Adams is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to Fayette Lodge No. 539, F. & A. M., Ovid Chapter No. 92, R. A. M., Kappa Psi Epsilon, Pi Gamma Mu, and Eta Mu Alpha fraternities. Mr. Adams is a member of Romulus Grange, Pamona Grange, New York State Grange and National Grange.

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**George T. Franklin.**—One of the leading young lawyers of Seneca County is George T. Franklin, a veteran of the World War, and a member of one of the old and substantial families of Ovid. He was born there December 3, 1892, the son of Benjamin and Caroline (Thomas) Franklin.

Benjamin Franklin, who is senior member of the law firm of Franklin & Franklin, is one of Seneca County's most distinguished citizens. He was born at Ovid, February 18, 1859. After his



graduation from Hobart College in 1886 he read law in his father's office and was admitted to the New York State bar in 1887. For a time he served as clerk in the surrogate's office and since 1887 has successfully practiced law at Ovid. Mr. Franklin was one of the organizers of the First National Bank, of which he is vice president and director. He is a Democrat and has held the office of president of the Board of Education. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to Chi Phi fraternity, Union Lodge, No. 114, F. & A. M.; Ovid Chapter, No. 92, R. A. M.; and Seneca County Bar Association. Caroline (Thomas) Franklin was born at Ovid, December 24, 1865. To Mr. and Mrs. Franklin were born four children: 1. Abbie, married Fred Smith, lives at Ovid. 2. George T., the subject of this sketch. 3. Elizabeth, married Willis Miles, lives at Ovid. 4. Benjamin, who died while in service during the World War, while serving as a member of the Student Army Corps at Syracuse University.

Benjamin Franklin was the son of Hon. George and Abbie (Squires) Franklin. George Franklin was a native of Hector, New York, and was a graduate of Albany Law School. He taught school for several years and subsequently engaged in the practice of law at Ovid. He also served for three terms as county judge, as well as surrogate, and was assistant secretary of state during the administration of Hon. Dietrich Willers. He was a Democrat and held membership in the Presbyterian Church. Both he and his wife are buried at Ovid.

George T. Franklin acquired his early education in the public schools of Ovid and in 1917 received the degree of LL. B. at Cornell University. After his admission to the bar December 1, 1919, he became associated with his father in the practice of law. At the outbreak of the World War he attended the First Officers Training Camp at Madison Barracks, Sackets Harbor, later being transferred to the ground school, Aviation section, U. S. Signal Corps, at Ithaca. He received the commission of second lieutenant at Gerstner Field, and served as an instructor at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas, Taliferro Field, Fort Worth, Texas, and Love Field, Dallas, Texas. At the close of the war he was enroute to France on the Adriatic. He was discharged December 20, 1918.

In 1920 Mr. Franklin was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Lott, the daughter of Elijah and Mary Lott, natives of Seneca County. Mr. Lott is deceased and his widow resides at Lodi, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin have two children, Ruth and Benjamin.

Mr. Franklin is a Democrat, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to Delta Chi fraternity, Seneca County Bar Association, and Benjamin Franklin Post, No. 463, American Legion, of which he is adjutant. He is affiliated with Ovid Lodge, No. 114, F. and A. M.; Ovid Chapter, No. 92, R. A. M.; and B. P. O. Elks, No. 992.

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**W. Grant Mitchell.**—Active in the educational, civic and fraternal life of Seneca County is W. Grant Mitchell, who is principal of Ovid High School, and a veteran of the World War. He was born at Clayton, Jefferson County, New York, February 6, 1900, the son of Thomas and Nellie (Grant) Mitchell.

Thomas Mitchell is a native of Canada, born at Wolf Island, Ontario, and his wife was born at Clayton, New York. They are now residents of Thousand Island Park, New York. Mr. Mitchell is a graduate of Ives Seminary, and for a number of years has been a successful painting contractor. He is a Democrat, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to Clayton Lodge No. 296, F. & A. M., Clayton Chapter No. 301, R. A. M., Watertown Commandery No. 11, K. T., and Media Temple. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have three children: 1. W. Grant, the subject of this sketch. 2. Corinne, married Dorchester Everett, lives at Saranac Lake, New York. 3. Thomas H., a student.

W. Grant Mitchell obtained his early education at Thousand Island Park and in 1916 was graduated from Clayton High School. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Syracuse University in 1920, and at the present time is taking graduate work at Cornell University during the summer sessions. In the summer of 1918 he attended the Citizen's Military Camp at Plattsburg, New York, and later joined the Student Army Training



Corps as an instructor. He engaged in business for a time at Thousand Island Park, and also served as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at that place. During 1925-26 he was an instructor in the Thousand Island Park schools and became principal there at the latter date. He served in that capacity until June, 1930, at which time he assumed the duties of principal of Ovid High School. Mr. Mitchell is identified with the Finger Lakes School Men's Association, New York State Academic Principals Association, New York State Teachers Association, National Education Association, and National Association of Academic Principals.

In 1922 Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage with Miss Marie Hulbert, the daughter of Dr. Charles D. and Louise (Campbell) Hulbert, natives of Schenectady, New York, and Chicago, Illinois, respectively. He is deceased and his widow resides at Richmond, Virginia. Doctor Hulbert was a graduate of Union College and Rush Medical College and until his death engaged in practice at St. Petersburg, Florida. To Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have been born four sons: William Grant, Charles, James, and Robert.

In politics Mr. Mitchell is a Democrat. He is an active member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to Sigma Beta, Phi Kappa Alpha, and Phi Delta Kappa fraternities, Clayton Lodge No. 296, F. & A. M., Clayton Chapter No. 301, R. A. M., Watertown Commandery No. 11, K. T., and American Legion.

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**Norman R. Boyce.**—A member of one of the most highly esteemed pioneer families of Seneca County, Norman R. Boyce is active and successful in the business affairs of Ovid, where he is associated with N. R. Boyce & Son, Ford dealers, located on Main Street. He was born at Newfield, Tompkins County, New York, August 29, 1873, the son of F. Marion and Mary (Rowley) Boyce.

F. Marion Boyce, who died in 1923, is buried at Interlaken, New York. He was born at Ovid and during his entire life was interested in farming, being especially known as a breeder of pure bred cattle. Mr. Boyce was a Republican and served as assessor.

He held membership in the Baptist Church and belonged to the Grange. His widow was born in Schuyler County, New York, and lives at Ovid. To them were born six children: 1. Norman R., the subject of this sketch. 2. Nelson, lives at Ovid. 3. Adrian, deceased. 4. Lydia, married John Parrish, lives at Ovid. 5. Bert, lives at Ovid. 6. Hazel, lives at home.

F. Marion Boyce was the son of Nelson and Almedia (Huff) Boyce, natives of Ovid, both now deceased. They are buried at Ovid. Nelson Boyce was the son of David Boyce, who was one of the first settlers of Seneca County. He was a farmer and was the founder of the Boyce family in Central New York. He also is buried at Ovid.

Norman R. Boyce grew up on his father's farm and attended the district schools at Lodi, Seneca County. He is a graduate of Lodi High School and for one term taught school at Hector, New York. He then farmed for six years, after which he was interested in the general produce business at Lodi for ten years as a shipper and buyer. In 1913 he was associated in the automobile business with his brother, Adrian Boyce, of Seneca Falls, and three years later he founded a business at Interlaken, New York, with a Mr. Wiggins under the firm name of Wiggins & Boyce. During the following year Mr. Boyce came to Ovid as local representative for the Ford Motor Car Company. His son is now associated with him in the business and they are recognized as leading automobile men in the community.

In October, 1896, Mr. Boyce was united in marriage with Miss Helen Miller, the daughter of Oscar and Elizabeth (Houghton) Miller, natives of Seneca County. Both are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Boyce were born four children: 1. Martha Gladys, married Leon Wickham, lives at Ovid, and they have a son, John Keith. 2. Marion P., married Mathilda Morgan, and they have two daughters, Norma L. and June. He is associated with his father in business at Ovid. He belongs to Union Lodge No. 114, F. & A. M., Ovid Chapter No. 92, R. A. M., and B. P. O. Elks No. 992. 3. Harriet Elizabeth, married G. J. Brewer, Jr., and they have a son, Gerald Boyce. They live at Ovid. 4. Theora Bernice, lives at home.



In politics, Mr. Boyce is identified with the Republican party. He has been mayor and justice of the peace, as well as school director. Mr. Boyce is a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to Farmerville Lodge No. 183, F. & A. M., and the Grange.

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**Myron H. Swarthout.**—Outstanding among the citizens of Seneca County, for his public spirited concern in the affairs of the community, is Myron H. Swarthout, who holds the office of Mayor of Ovid. He was born at Romulus, Seneca County, July 15, 1866, the son of John W. and Martha (Stockwell) Swarthout.

John W. Swarthout was born at Romulus in 1842. At the outbreak of the Civil War he ran away from home and enlisted as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Forty-eighth New York Volunteer Infantry. He was severely wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, and was discharged from the service while still in a hospital, July 3, 1865. In August, 1865, he married Miss Martha Stockwell, a native of Geneva, New York. She died in 1869 and Mr. Swarthout died in 1927. Both are buried at Ovid. He was a Democrat and held the offices of highway commissioner and excise commissioner. He was a member of the Methodist Church, Grand Army of the Republic, and Union Lodge, No. 114, F. and A. M. There were two sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Swarthout: 1. Myron H., the subject of this sketch. 2. Charles L., farmer, lives on the homestead. The Swarthout homestead in Seneca County was an original Revolutionary land grant, given to Nathaniel Swarthout who served as a soldier during that war.

The boyhood of Myron H. Swarthout was spent on his father's farm and he attended the public schools of Romulus, Ovid Seminary, and the School of Commerce, at Elmira, New York. For a time he was employed as a clerk in the store of his uncle, C. H. Swarthout, at Ovid, and he also spent a year as a clerk in the offices of the American Express Company. In 1891 he became interested in farming on the Swarthout homestead, where he remained until the time of his retirement, April 1, 1927.

In 1892 Mr. Swarthout married Miss Louisa Jones, the daughter of Lewis and Jane (Banker) Jones. Both were natives of

Seneca County and are buried at Ovid. To Mr. and Mrs. Swarthout were born three children: 1. Martha, a graduate of Ovid High School and William Smith College. She married Peter Vanderpool and lives at Willard, New York. They have two children, Lois and Andrew. 2. John W., 2nd, a farmer, lives at Romulus. He married Miss Helen Murphy, and they have a son, John 3rd. He is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 114, F. and A. M., Past Master; and Ovid Chapter, No. 92, R. A. M. 3. Myron Henry, Jr., who is official court stenographer for Judge Fitch, at Canandigua, New York.

Mr. Swarthout has always been a Democrat and has held the office of Mayor of Ovid since April 1, 1929, being reelected in 1931. He was justice of the peace at Romulus for twenty-eight years, and served as treasurer of the Board of Education for fifteen years. He is an elder of the Presbyterian Church and during the past thirty-seven years has been secretary of the Sunday School. He is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 114, F. and A. M., Ovid Chapter, No. 92, R. A. M., Lake View Grange, No. 1261, Past Master, and David G. Kaywood Camp, No. 146, Sons of Union Veterans, Secretary-Treasurer. He is also a trustee of Union Cemetery Association. Mrs. Swarthout is an active member of Lake View Grange and also belongs to the Order of Eastern Star.

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**Stephen E. Mekeel.**—As editor and publisher of the Ovid Gazette and Independent, Stephen E. Mekeel is among the dependable and well known citizens of Seneca County. He was born at Cold Spring, Putnam County, New York, December 15, 1883, the son of Horace and Louise (Kelley) Mekeel.

Horace Mekeel was a native of Cold Spring and his wife was born at Waterloo, Iowa. As a young man he became interested in the lumber business with his father and later conducted a general mercantile business at Cold Spring. Both he and his wife are deceased and are buried there. He was a Democrat and held the offices of postmaster and income tax collector. He was a member of the Baptist Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. There



were four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mekeel: 1. Lena, married A. L. Terwilliger, lives at Cold Spring. 2. Della, married Arthur Patterson, lives at Newburgh, New York. 3. Stephen E., the subject of this sketch. 4. Lulu, married Seymour Halstead, lives at Troy, New York.

Stephen E. Mekeel was graduated from Cold Spring High School in 1900. He learned the trade of patternmaker at the West Point Foundry Company, under the direction of his uncle, John Stevenson, superintendent. Later he located at Mt. Vernon, New York, with the Henri Bonnard Bronze Company. From here he moved to New York City where he had a part in the early manufacture of airplanes with Hamilton who conducted the first airplane enterprise in New York. While there he was elected financial secretary and assistant manager of the Pattern Makers League of New York and vicinity with offices in the Commonwealth Bank Building. Mr. Mekeel attended Columbia University and completed a course in Industrial Arts. He located at Romulus, Seneca County, in June, 1916, and at that time purchased the old Kinne homestead, which he successfully operated until 1930. In April, 1930, he became owner and publisher of the Gazette and Independent, which was founded in 1838 as the Ovid Bee. It is a weekly newspaper and has a wide circulation. Mr. Mekeel is a member of the New York and American Press Association. Before entering the newspaper field and for many years he had contributed to various technical and other publications.

In 1913 Mr. Mekeel married Miss Frances Kinne, the daughter of Hon. William H. Kinne, of Ovid. He was born at Romulus, April 22, 1846, and is interested in the coal and elevator business. He has served for two terms as a member of the New York State Legislature, and also has been road commissioner. To Mr. and Mrs. Mekeel have been born two children, Margaret and Stephen, Jr.

Mr. Mekeel is a Democrat in politics and has served as justice of the peace and member of the board of education. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to Lakeview Grange, No. 1251, and National Grange.

**Clarence J. Van Vleet** is widely and favorably known throughout Seneca County, and is a member of one of the best known pioneer families in this section of Central New York. He was born at Romulus, Seneca County, December 8, 1894, the son of Henry J. and Mary Helen (Stout) Van Vleet.

Henry J. Van Vleet was born on the Van Vleet homestead near Romulus in 1857, and his wife is also a native of that place. The farm, rich in Indian history and lore, has been owned by the family for more than four generations. It is recognized as one of the interesting Indian burying grounds in Central New York. Henry J. Van Vleet is now retired. During his active career he was successful as a farmer. He was also one of the founders of the First National Bank of Ovid, and served as its first vice president and director. He is a Democrat and has been supervisor. His wife holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Van Vleet belongs to Kendaia Grange. To Mr. and Mrs. Van Vleet were born six children, as follows: 1. Jay, attended Cook Academy, lives at Rome, New York. 2. Lee, attended Cornell University, lives at Wingdale, New York. 3. Clarence J., the subject of this sketch. 4. Eva, deceased. 5. Edward, attended Stark Academy, lives at Albion, New York. 6. Helen, married Herbert Walhart, both graduates of Syracuse University. They live at Hollywood, California.

Henry J. Van Vleet is the son of Edward and Sarah Van Vleet, both natives of Romulus, Seneca County. They are deceased and are buried here. Edward Van Vleet was the son of Jerry Van Vleet, who was known familiarly during the pioneer days as "Uncle Jerry." He was prominent in Masonic affairs, and took an active part in local politics. He is also deceased and is buried on the old family burying ground.

Clarence J. Van Vleet grew up on his father's farm and attended the public schools of Romulus. He is a graduate of Ovid High School and attended Eastman College, and until 1916 was interested in farming with his father. In that year he became a guard at the Binghamton State Hospital. Two years later he enlisted for service in the World War and was sent to Camp Dix, New Jersey. He was rejected, however, on account of the effects



of infantile paralysis contracted in childhood. Mr. Van Vleet again farmed with his father until 1920, at which time he was employed by the Willard State Hospital. He has also been connected with the Buffalo State Hospital, Utica State Hospital, and Windale State Hospital. Since July, 1931, he has been identified with the Van Vleet "Log Cabin," an up-to-date service station and restaurant. He also owns and operates the 125-acre farm.

In 1922 Mr. Van Vleet was married to Miss Marguerite Miles, who died in 1925. She is buried at Ovid. He married (second) in 1928 Mrs. Florence G. (McQuaid) Finn, who was superintendent of nurses at Wingdale State Hospital.

Mr. Van Vleet is a Democrat and is affiliated with Loyal Order of Moose, No. 823, Geneva.

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**William J. Earley.**—As a member of the firm of Earley & Earley, funeral directors, William J. Earley is recognized as a leader in the business life of Ovid, where he has always lived. He was born here, October 8, 1882, the son of Michael and Anna (Dolphin) Earley.

Michael Earley was born at Romulus, Seneca County, and his wife was a native of Highmarket, Lewis County, New York. He was a farmer and took a prominent part in local politics, being a lifelong Democrat. Mr. Earley died June 11, 1906, and his wife died December 18, 1903. Both are buried at Ovid. They were the parents of four children: 1. William J., the subject of this sketch. 2. James, lives at Ovid. 3. Anna L., deceased. 4. Leo T., born May 23, 1890, married Mary McQuillan, and they have a child, Jane. Leo T. Earley, a partner in the firm of Earley & Earley. He is affiliated with Seneca Falls Council No. 222, Knights of Columbus, the B. P. O. Elks, Holy Cross Catholic Church and Holy Name Society.

William J. Earley attended the grade and high schools of Ovid, and at an early age became identified with the Standard Oil interests as manager of the Seneca County territory, in which capacity he served for twenty-four years. In 1919 he purchased an interest

in the undertaking and furniture business at Ovid, which was known in 1924 as Earley & Earley. He resigned from his former position with the Standard Oil Company in 1926 to devote his entire time to his business interests at Ovid. In that year he also was graduated from the Syracuse School of Embalming and was registered in the state of New York as an embalmer and funeral director. Mr. Earley is also a director of the First National Bank of Ovid, director of the Seneca County Historical Society, and vice president of the Seneca County Automobile Club.

In 1925 Mr. Earley married Miss Adelaide Flanagan, the daughter of Martin and Margaret Flanagan, of Seneca Falls. Both are deceased.

Mr. Earley is a Democrat and during 1921-22-23 was president of the village. He is now president of the Ovid Board of Education. He holds membership in Holy Cross Catholic Church, Holy Name Society, B. P. O. Elks No. 992, Seneca Falls Council No. 222 Knights of Columbus, and other civic organizations.

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**Rev. Thomas P. Stafford.**—As priest in charge of Holy Cross Catholic Church, at Ovid, Father Stafford takes a prominent part in community affairs. He was born at Rochester, New York, July 29, 1879, the son of Thomas and Mary (Bolger) Stafford. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stafford were natives of County Wexford, Ireland. They emigrated to the United States and in 1869 located at Rochester, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Stafford were born four children: Ellen, Mary, James and Thomas P.

Thomas P. Stafford attended the parochial schools of Rochester and was graduated from St. Andrews Preparatory Seminary in 1899, and from St. Bernard's Theological Seminary, being ordained to the priesthood in that year by Bishop McQuaid, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester. He served as assistant at St. Aloysius Church, Auburn, during 1904-11; assistant of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, during 1911-17; and was transferred as priest in charge of Holy Cross Church at Ovid in October, 1917.



Father Stafford is also in charge of Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Romulus, and attends Catholics at Willard State Hospital.

Father Stafford is a member of Waterloo Council, Knights of Columbus.

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**Holy Cross Catholic Church, of Ovid.**—The first Mass of this church was celebrated in the court house August 15, 1849, by Rev. Gilbride. Services also had been held for a short time in the residence of James Murphy and John Anderson. In 1850 Father Gilbride built the first church and in May, 1857, it was dedicated by the late Bishop John Timon. The following pastors have been in charge: Rev. Kenney, during 1852; Rev. Gilbride returning in 1853, and on August 24, 1854, he was succeeded by Father Gleason, former pastor of St. Bridget's Church, of Buffalo, and Vicar-General of the Diocese. He remained for two years and was transferred to Waterloo. Father McGuire took charge in 1859 and was succeeded in the following year by Father Cavanaugh, who attended the parish for nearly a year, when he was made chancellor of the diocese. December 9, 1860, Rev. F. W. Stephens came to Ovid and after four months was followed by Father Cannon. October 6, 1861, Father Dennis English took charge, and during 1862-63 Rev. James T. McManus, of Geneva, administered to the parish. In April, 1863, Father Keenan was placed in charge, and it was during his pastorate that the church was enlarged. He was followed in 1869 by Father James O'Connor. In April, 1876, Rev. Thomas J. O'Connell took charge.

The Church of the Sacred Heart, at Romulus, was founded by Father James O'Connor, and completed while Father O'Connell was pastor in 1876. It was dedicated in 1887 by the Rt. Rev. B. J. McQuaid, Bishop of Rochester. The corner stone of the new church was laid October 28, 1895, by Bishop McQuaid, with twenty priests in attendance. Later Monsignor Joseph W. Hendricks was put in charge, and he was succeeded in October, 1917, by Rev. Thomas P. Stafford, who has completely remodeled the church interior.

**Fred H. VanDoren.**—Numbered among Seneca County's most substantial citizens is Fred H. VanDoren, capable and well known postmaster of Lodi. He was born here, August 20, 1878, the son of Charles M. and Augusta (Ellison) VanDoren.

Charles M. VanDoren was a native of New York. He was interested in music as a teacher for many years and died in 1914. His wife died in 1923. Mr. VanDoren was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church, being choir leader for a number of years in the Lodi Presbyterian Church, formerly Dutch Reformed. To Mr. and Mrs. VanDoren were born four children: 1. Robena, deceased. 2. Edith M., married C. R. Nims, lives at Brooklyn, New York. 3. Fred H., the subject of this sketch. 4. George E.

The early education of Fred H. VanDoren was received in the grade school at Lodi and he also attended Rochester Business Institute. He established a general mercantile business at Lodi in 1906, and sold the store to James Farrell five years later. In that year he became a shipping clerk in a textile mill at St. Johnsville, New York, but returned to Lodi in August, 1914, and became manager of the E. G. Porter store, Lodi, New York, in which capacity he served until 1928. In that year he received the appointment as postmaster. Mr. VanDoren also has held the offices of justice of the peace clerk of the district school board, and since 1915 has been treasurer of the district board. He also has been deputy town clerk.

In 1900 Mr. VanDoren was united in marriage with Miss Grace L. Van Vleet, the daughter of Andrew B. and Celestia (Elmore) Van Vleet, of Seneca County. Mr. Van Vleet died in January, 1932, at the age of ninety-three years. His wife is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. VanDoren are the parents of two children: 1. Edna Louise, a graduate of Lodi High School, now identified with the United States Customs office, New York City. 2. Harold Elmore, married Dorothy Teller, and they have a son, Richard L. He is a graduate of East High School, Rochester, and is associated with the Remington-Rand Company in their New York offices.

Mr. VanDoren is a Republican, and belongs to the New York State League of District Postmasters and National League of



District Postmasters. He also is affiliated with Lodi Lodge No. 345, F. and A. M., Past Master, and Maccabee Lodge No. 721, Commander.

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**Capt. John G. Crisfield.**—A veteran of the World War, John G. Crisfield is widely known in Seneca County as district manager of the "Rochester Democrat and Chronicle," with headquarters at Lodi, New York. He was born at Lodi, April 15, 1891, the son of Gilbert and Matilda (Boyer) Crisfield.

Gilbert Crisfield, who died in 1908, was a native of Lodi and spent his entire life there. He was a farmer, being the owner of 250 acres of well improved land. He was living retired at the time of his death. Mr. Crisfield was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to Lodi Lodge No. 345, F. and A. M.; and the Grange. To Mr. and Mrs. Crisfield were born two sons: John G., the subject of this sketch; and William B., lives at Willard, New York.

The education of John G. Crisfield was obtained in the public schools of Lodi, from which he was graduated in 1909. He then went to Rochester as a collector for the "Post Express," and at that time also attended night school. Later, he became circulation manager of the "Joplin Globe," of Joplin, Missouri. In 1914 Mr. Crisfield returned to Lodi as district manager of the "Rochester Democrat and Chronicle," which office he has since filled. During 1914-15 he attended the citizens' military training camp at Plattsburg, New York, and prior to the World War he was examined at Cornell University at Ithaca, where he received the commission of second lieutenant of infantry. At the outbreak of the World War he was sent to Madison Barracks and later transferred to Camp Dix, New Jersey, as a member of the 312th Infantry, 78th Division. He was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant on January 26, 1918, and in May went to France, where he participated in many important engagements of the war. He was honorably discharged on September 10, 1919, with the rank of first lieutenant, and at the present time holds the commission of captain in the 391st Infantry, 90th Division.

In 1913 Mr. Crisfield was united in marriage with Miss Thena E. Crocker, of Joplin, Missouri. They have a son, John G., Jr.

Mr. Crisfield is a Republican, has served as justice of the peace and is now supervisor of Lodi. He is an elder of the Presbyterian Church, and has the following lodge affiliations: Lodi Lodge No. 345, F. and A. M., trustee; Benjamin Franklin Post, American Legion; the Grange; Rochester Chapter Reserve Officers Association, New York State Reserve Officers Association, and National Reserve Officers Association.

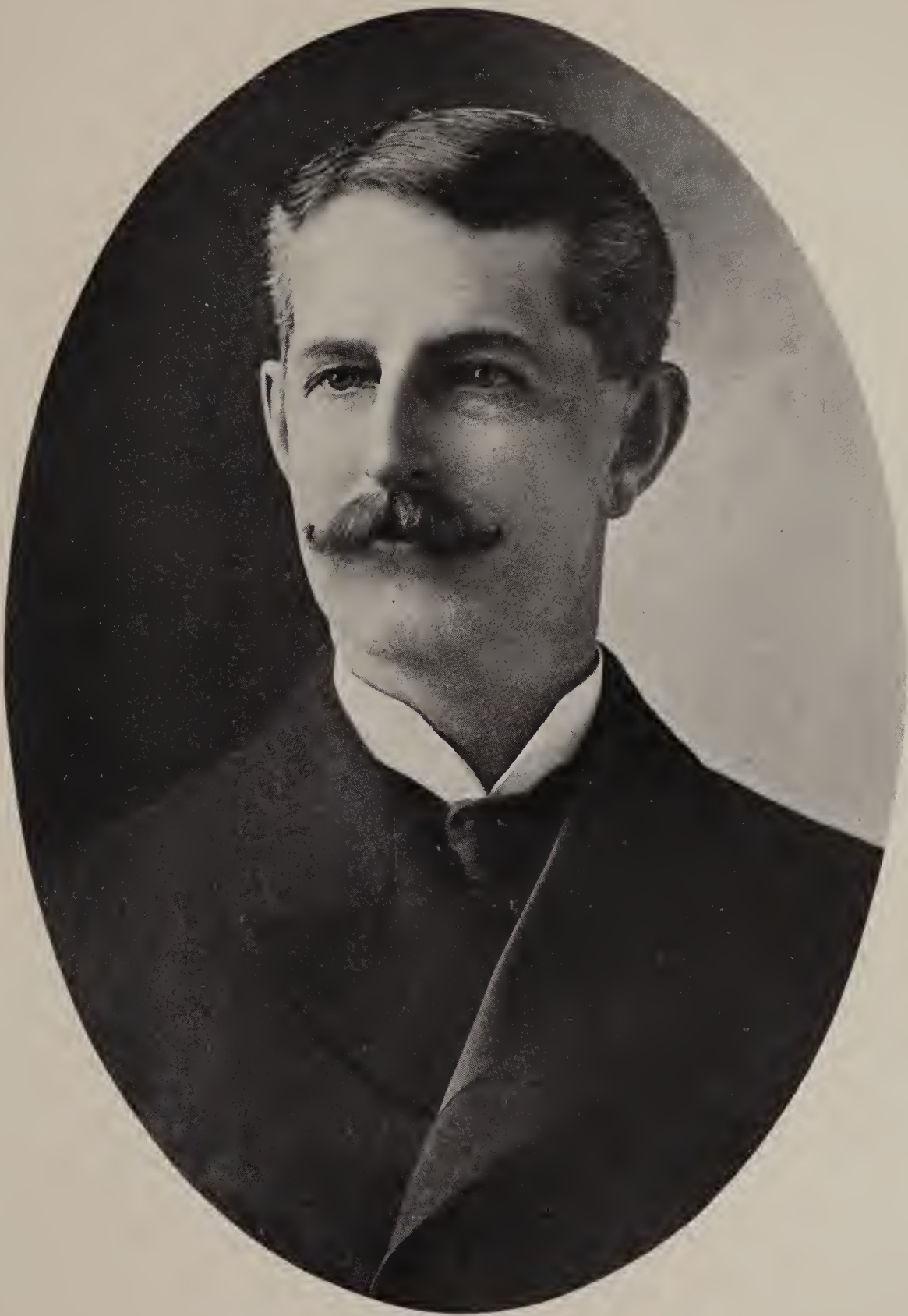
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**Gardner Herrick Northup.**—Standing among the leading figures in the business and civic life of Wayne County for many years, Gardner Herrick Northup was one of the representative men of the community at the time of his death, May 26, 1909. He was born at Phoenix, New York, December 29, 1850, the son of Gardner Hall and Minerva (Covel) Northup.

Gardner Hall Northup was a native of Otsego County, New York, born in 1803. He died in 1876 and is buried at Phoenix. He was married to Miss Minerva Covel, of Herkimer, New York. Their only child was Gardner Herrick, the subject of this sketch.

The early education of Gardner H. Northup was received in the public schools of Phoenix, and he was a graduate of Wilbraham Academy, in Massachusetts. He came to Wolcott in 1873 and became interested in the lumber and building business there, being highly successful for a period of thirty-six years. It is estimated that he built at least forty of the city's finest residences and also many business blocks in the village. In 1880 Mr. Northup became associated with Fletcher Johnson, of Wolcott, as shippers of dried apples. The firm of Johnson & Northup continued until the death of Mr. Northup in 1909, and they were known as the most extensive shippers of dried fruits in the state. Hundreds of carloads were sent to eastern markets and European countries annually and Mr. Northup was familiarly known as "The Dried Apple King." His lumber interests were sold to Clayton T. Johnson, who is president of the First National Bank of Wolcott, and the firm is still under Mr. Northup's name.





GARDNER H. NORTHUP





On October 1, 1873, Mr. Northup married Miss Marian Perkins, the daughter of Rev. Edgar and Eliza (Short) Perkins. He was pastor of the Congregational Church at Homer, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Northup were born the following children: 1. Gardner H., born in 1877, died in 1879. 2. Marian Gardner, born August 24, 1881, died in 1891. 3. Ruth Louise, born in April, 1890. After her graduation from Wolcott High School in 1908 she spent six months in study abroad, and is also a graduate of the Hakes School for Girls at Rochester. She married Karl Thayer Soule, artist, who is a member of the firm of Foss-Soule, Inc., of Rochester. They have two sons: Karl Thayer, Jr., and Gardner Northup Soule.

Mr. Northup was a Republican and served as village president for several terms. He was an elder and trustee of the Presbyterian Church for forty years, and belonged to the Rochester and Wolcott Chamber of Commerce.

Northup Park was presented to the village of Wolcott by Mr. Northup shortly before his death, and a band stand was recently erected in the park by Mrs. Northup in memory of her husband. Another gift to the city consisted of eighty elm trees.

Mrs. Northup resides in the family homestead on West Main Street, Wolcott.

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**Joseph F. Marshall**, who is election commissioner of Waterloo, is widely and favorably known throughout Seneca County. He was born at Waterloo, July 28, 1883, the son of Lewis and Mary (Dulso) Marshall.

Lewis Marshall lives at Waterloo and is a native of that place. His wife was born at Geneva, New York, and died in 1930. She is buried at Waterloo. Mr. Marshall followed the trade of cooper until his recent retirement. He is a Democrat and holds membership in St. Mary's Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were born the following children: 1. Charles, deceased. 2. Joseph F., the subject of this sketch. 3. Peter, lives at Detroit, Michigan. 4. John, lives at Waterloo. 5. William, deceased. 6. Fred, deceased.

Joseph F. Marshall was a student of the Waterloo public schools and also attended Elkland (Pennsylvania) High School. He began his career in business as a clerk in the grocery establishment of Charles E. Kuney, at Waterloo, and for seven years was employed by the Vough Piano Company, of Waterloo, as an action finisher. During 1910-19 he served as town clerk of Fayette, and in the latter year received his present appointment as election commissioner of Seneca County. Mr. Marshall has always been a Democrat and served for six years as chairman of the Seneca County Democratic Committee. He is now chairman of the executive committee of the Seneca County Democratic Committee.

In 1922 Mr. Marshall was united in marriage with Miss Marian Frantz, the daughter of Daniel and Helen (Long) Frantz, of Lockport, New York. Mr. Frantz is deceased and his widow lives at Lockport.

Mr. Marshall is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, of Waterloo, and Mrs. Marshall is a member of the Methodist Church.

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**Arthur D. Sweet.**—Active and progressive in local politics is Arthur D. Sweet, who has been election commissioner in Seneca County since January, 1913. He was born at Waterloo, February 15, 1870, the son of Henry C. and Marion (Smalley) Sweet.

Henry C. Sweet, who died in 1902, was a native of Fayette, Seneca County. His wife was born at Varick and died in 1926. Both are buried at Waterloo. Mr. Sweet engaged in business for many years at Waterloo as a dealer in farm implements and also owned and operated a cider mill. His brothers, Edward and Warren, served throughout the Civil War. Mr. Sweet was a Republican, and for nine years was supervisor. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Knights of Pythias. There were five children in the Sweet family: 1. Ellsworth, deceased. 2. William, deceased. 3. Addie, deceased, was the wife of Warren Pontius. 4. Arthur D., the subject of this sketch. 5. George Catlin, lives at Waterloo.



After his graduation from the public schools of Waterloo, Arthur D. Sweet entered the shops of the Waterloo Organ Company as a case finisher and was thus employed for a period of two years. He then spent twenty-two years as a piano case finisher. As mentioned above,, he received the appointment of election commissioner in 1913. Mr. Sweet is a Republican and has been village trustee, as well as trustee of First Ward School. For sixteen years he has been a member of the Seneca County Republican Committee, and is now its treasurer.

In 1894 Mr. Sweet was united in marriage with Miss Mary Elizabeth Thorne, the daughter of Alfred and Hannah (Close) Thorne, natives of New York. Both are deceased and are buried at Waterloo. Mr. and Mrs. Sweet have a daughter, Ruth, a graduate of Waterloo High School and Cortland Normal School. She is a teacher in the Geneva (New York) public schools.

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**J. Lynn Stewart.**—As mayor of Interlaken and owner of the Stewart Funeral Home, Mr. Stewart, a veteran of the World War, is recognized as one of the able young business men of Central New York. He was born here, August 4, 1895, the son of John and Laura (Pease) Stewart.

John Stewart was born in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and his wife is a native of New York, born in Tompkins County. In early life he was interested in general farming but for a number of years he has been in charge of the farms owned by the Halstead Canning Company. He is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Interlaken Grange, and Pomona Grange. He and his wife reside at Interlaken. They have three sons: 1. Clyde, who lives at Interlaken. He served in France during the World War as a member of the 313th Ambulance Company, 79th Division, and was gassed while serving at the front. He was discharged with the rank of corporal. 2. J. Lynn, the subject of this sketch. 3. Homer, lives at Interlaken.

The early education of J. Lynn Stewart was received in the Interlaken public schools and he was graduated from the high

school in 1912. He then completed a course of study at the Automobile Engineering School of Philadelphia in 1915 and at that time was engaged as an inspector for the Cadillac Motor Car Company, at Detroit, Michigan. He returned to Interlaken in 1917 and on June 6th enlisted in the United States Army and was sent to Fort Slocum, New York, later being transferred to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. He attended the medical instruction school and drill schools and received the commission of sergeant. He was then sent to Camp Meade, Maryland, and on June 11, 1918, sailed for service in France as a member of the Medical Corps, 79th Division. He participated in numerous engagements including the Meuse Argonne and St. Mihiel offensive and was slightly wounded and gassed. He was discharged August 15, 1919, as a first class sergeant, and was subsequently commissioned a second lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps, which rank he still retains.

Upon his return to Interlaken Mr. Stewart became a salesman for the Interlaken Sales Company and also was assistant to C. F. Leonard, funeral director. He then studied embalming and was graduated from the Collier School of Embalming, New York City, where he also studied dermi-surgery. In 1926 Mr. Stewart purchased the business of Mr. Leonard, which he has since successfully managed.

In 1921 Mr. Stewart was united in marriage with Miss Helen I. Dowdle, the daughter of John and Mary (Louth) Dowdle, of Seneca County. Both are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have two children, Robert Warren and Mary Lou.

Politically, Mr. Stewart is a Republican. He served as village trustee in 1927 and in March, 1928, was elected to the office of mayor, being re-elected in 1930 and 1932. He is also a member of the village welfare committee. Mr. Stewart is an active member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to Farmerville Lodge No. 180, F. and A. M., American Legion, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Chamber of Commerce. He also is identified with the New York State Embalmers Association and New York State Funeral Directors Association.



**Raymond B. Wells.**—One of the best known men of Seneca County, highly esteemed throughout the entire community, is Raymond B. Wells, who is commissioner of public welfare in Seneca County. He was born at Romulus, April 14, 1875, the son of William B. and Hattie (Van Nostrand) Wells.

William B. Wells was a native of Tioga County, New York. He was a general farmer and also specialized in the breeding of pure bred English hackney horses. Mr. Wells died in 1915 and his wife, born at Romulus, Seneca County, died in 1877. Both are buried in the Baptist Cemetery, Kendaia, New York. Mr. Wells was a Republican and served for six years as supervisor of Romulus. He was a member of the Kendaia Baptist Church. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Wells was Raymond B., the subject of this sketch. William B. Wells married (second) Miss Maggie E. Smith, and they were the parents of three children: 1. Seward S., who is manager of the Wells Sales Corporation, lives at Buffalo, New York. 2. Mark C., rural mail carrier, lives at Ovid. 3. Jessie, deceased.

Hattie (Van Nostrand) Wells was the daughter of Bergen Van Nostrand, who was a native of Romulus. He spent many years as superintendent of the American Fruit and Produce Company vineyards.

The education of Raymond B. Wells was received in the district schools of Romulus and he attended Ovid High School. He began as a clerk in the Waterloo offices of the American Express Company, later became money clerk in the Geneva office of the company, and in 1899 went with the American Fruit & Produce Company as superintendent of a vineyard of 265 acres. Subsequently, Mr. Wells was a rural mail carrier at Romulus, and during that period of five years he also was town clerk. He served for nine years as postmaster of Romulus and at that time conducted a business there as a dealer in agricultural implements, feed and supplies. In 1915 he took charge of his father's farm and also his brother, Seward's farm, which including his own farm of 140 acres, making a total of 550 acres of land. He was elected to the office of superintendent of the poor of Seneca County and took office January 1st, 1921, and began living at the Seneca

County home, of which Mrs. Wells serves as matron. The office was changed to that of commissioner of public welfare in 1930. This embraces the care of all dependent children, hospital cases, and old age relief in Seneca County. Mr. Wells is widely known as an authority on all matters pertaining to Public Welfare work, and especially in the administration of the old age Security Law, having made a thorough and comprehensive study of this branch of welfare work. He is an active member of the New York State Association of Public Welfare Officials, Federal Association of Public Welfare Officials, and is a member of the mental hygiene committee of the Willard State Hospital, at Willard, New York. He is also a member of the committee of the Seneca County Board of Child Welfare, State Charities Aid, Children's Committee, and Seneca County Public Health and Tuberculosis Committee.

In 1899 Mr. Wells was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Stone, the daughter of Vertulan and Delight (Kern) Stone, natives of New York. Both are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wells have no children.

Politically, Mr. Wells is a Republican. He holds membership in Kandaia Baptist Church, Rotary Club, B. P. O. Elks No. 992, and Romulus Grange.

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**Fred W. Blauvelt.**—An energetic and ambitious young business man of Seneca County is Fred W. Blauvelt, who is president of the Interlaken Review, Inc., of Interlaken. He was born here September 23, 1902, the son of J. Willis and Nellie (Crans) Blauvelt.

J. Willis Blauvelt, who died at Interlaken in 1923, was a native of that place. Throughout his life he was interested in farming and was the owner of ninety-six acres of land near Covert. He was a Democrat, a member of the Baptist Church, and belonged to the Grange. His widow was born at Ovid and lives at Interlaken. Their children are: 1. Marion, married Raymond Hurlbut, lives at Interlaken. 2. Fred W., the subject of this sketch.



Fred W. Blauvelt is a graduate of Interlaken High School, class of 1919. He became interested in newspaper work two years later as a printer on the Interlaken Review. He became editor of the paper during the illness of T. P. Hause, in 1928, and upon the latter's death the following year, the business was reorganized as a stock company, with Mr. Blauvelt serving as president and editor. M. W. Bassett is vice-president, and Lillian F. Blauvelt is secretary and treasurer. The Interlaken Review has its beginning in 1887 and was published as a four page eight column newspaper until 1931. It has since been increased to eight pages, with six columns. It is published on Thursday of each week.

On June 27, 1923, Mr. Blauvelt married Miss Lillian Fausette, the daughter of Herbert and Mabel Fausette, of Trumansburg, New York. They have twin daughters, Jeanine and Joanne.

Mr. Blauvelt is a Democrat and a member of the Board of Education of Interlaken High School. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to Farmerville Lodge, No. 183, F. and A. M., Chamber of Commerce, Interlaken Grange, Seneca County Farm Bureau, New York Press Association, and National Editorial Association. He is Troop committeeman of Louis Aggassiz Fuertes, Troop No. 21, Boy Scouts of America.

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**Harry Stickle Fredenburgh.**—Prominent in the manufacturing industry of Seneca Falls as president of the Wagner Rug Works, Inc., manufacturers of high grade rugs, Mr. Fredenburgh has long been recognized as a leader in the business, civic, and fraternal life of Seneca Falls. He was born in Columbia County, October 20, 1884, the son of Jeremiah E. and Mary E. (Stickle) Fredenburgh.

Jeremiah Fredenburgh was born at Ghent, Columbia County, New York, and his wife was a native of Hillsdale, New York. She is deceased and is buried at West Ghent. Mr. Fredenburgh engaged in business for many years at Hartford, Connecticut, and retired in 1925. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. To Mr. and Mrs. Fredenburgh were born two sons: Harry Stickle, the subject of this sketch; and Paul B., who lives at Seneca Falls.

Harry S. Fredenburgh attended the grade and high schools of North Bennington, Vermont, and later was a student at Albany Business College. He became a clerk in the offices of the New York Central Railroad in New York City, where he remained for six years. He then went to Washington, D. C., where he was attached to the Department of Agriculture for nine months. He returned to New York at the expiration of that time, and spent the following two years with the H. G. Vogel Company, fire protection contractors. In 1909 Mr. Fredenburgh became connected with the Goulds Pumps, Inc. (then the Gould Manufacturing Company) as secretary to the president. At the expiration of three years Mr. Fredenburgh was made secretary of the company, and two years later became controller. He remained with the concern until January 1, 1932, at which time he resigned to devote his entire time and energy to the Wagner Rug Works, Inc., of which he has been president for ten years.

Mr. Fredenburgh's political activities include the chairmanship of the Republican County Committee of Seneca County, and he has served in that office since 1923. In 1924 he was an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention, held at Cleveland, Ohio, and an alternate delegate to the national convention held at Chicago, Illinois, in June, 1932. In the latter convention he acted as delegate in place of Judge Nelson B. Sawyer, of Palmyra, who was unable to attend.

During the World War Mr. Fredenburgh gave freely of his time and energy in the pursuit of welfare work and in loan and bond campaigns. He was treasurer of the war chest and secretary of the Seneca County home defense committee.

Mr. Fredenburgh is Past Master of Pocahontas Lodge No. 211, F. and A. M.; Past High Priest of Salem Town Chapter, R. A. M. No. 173; member of Skoiyase Council No. 75, Waterloo; Salem Town Commandery No. 16, K. T.; Central City Consistory, 32nd degree; and Damascus Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., Rochester. He also belongs to B. P. O. Elks No. 922; Rotary Club; Seneca Falls Business Men's Association, and Seneca Falls Country Club, of which he is Past President.



**Judge Alexander J. Byrne**, who is serving as police justice of Seneca Falls, has successfully filled that office for more than a quarter of a century and is widely known and highly esteemed throughout Seneca County. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, September 6, 1869, the son of John and Mary (Doyle) Byrne.

John Byrne was a native of County Wicklow, Ireland, as was his wife. He was interested in the leather business there and emigrated to the United States about 1870, locating at Seneca Falls. He conducted a retail meat business at this place in partnership with his brother, Lieut. Bernard Byrne, who served throughout the Civil War as a member of Company K, 33rd Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. A complete sketch of the military career of Lieutenant Byrne may be found in the History of the New York State Volunteers. John Byrne retired from business in 1883 and died at Seneca Falls in 1900. His wife died there in 1903. He was a Democrat and an active member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Byrne were born nine children: 1. Margaret, married James Souhan, lives at Seneca Falls. 2. Alexander J., the subject of this sketch. 3. Edward P. 4. Andrew W. 5. Bernard. All live at Seneca Falls. 6. Catherine, married Joseph P. Gaynor, lives at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 7. Lawrence, lives at Elmira, New York. 8. Rev. Stephen J., a graduate of St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary, Rochester, and St. Bernard's Theological Seminary, Rochester, New York. He is pastor of St. Michael's Catholic Church at Geneseo, New York. 9. Monica, married Dr. James Leary, physician, lives at Rush, New York.

Alexander J. Byrne left St. Patrick's parochial school at the age of ten years on account of ill health. He had various employment as a youth and for a time was interested in the insurance business. He improved himself by home study and is self educated. As mentioned above he has held the office of police justice since 1906. He is also a member of the Seneca County and New York State Democratic committees, and is president of the New York State Magistrates Association.

In 1900 Mr. Byrne married Miss Ellen O'Connor, who died at Seneca Falls in October, 1930. She was the daughter of Terrance

and Elizabeth (Bonar) O'Connor, who were natives of New Castle-on-Tyne, England. They are buried at Seneca Falls. To Mr. and Mrs. Byrne were born six children: 1. Elizabeth, a teacher at Utica, New York. 2. Mary, married Orville Cook, lives at Seneca Falls. 3. Thomas F., civil engineer, New York State Department of Public Works, lives at Seneca Falls. 4. Joseph, deceased. 5. Helen, a teacher at Phelps, New York. 6. Agnes, attends William Smith College, Geneva.

Mr. Byrne and his family are members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and he is affiliated with Seneca Falls Council, Knights of Columbus, Fourth degree, and B. P. O. Elks, No. 992.

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**Harry C. Bray.**—One of the leading citizens of Wayne County is Harry C. Bray, who is president of the Citizens Trust Company at Clyde. He was born at New Haven, Connecticut, August 13, 1881, the son of Charles E. and Ada C. (Hemingway) Bray.

Charles E. Bray, a native of New Haven, Connecticut, was born in 1853. He was the son of Judge Charles A. Bray, a leading jurist of New Haven. Charles A., father of the subject of this sketch, successfully engaged in the plumbing and heating business at New Haven until his retirement in 1910. He died March 21, 1917, and his wife died September 30, 1926. She was a sister of H. C. Hemingway, founder of H. C. Hemingway & Company, Inc., leading canners in that section of the country. Charles E. Bray was a Republican and for many years was village clerk of Fair Haven (now New Haven). He held membership in the Second Congregational Church and Masonic Lodge, and also was a member of the old Horse Guard, a pioneer military organization of Connecticut. To Charles E. and Ada C. (Hemingway) Bray were born two sons: 1. Harry C., the subject of this sketch. 2. Dwight E., custom leather manufacturer, at New Haven, Connecticut.

Harry C. Bray was educated in the grade schools of New Haven and attended Boardman Preparatory School. At an early age he became associated with the New Haven Register, being interested especially in advertising. Later he became advertising



manager of the Attleboro (Massachusetts) Sun, and in 1904 located at Syracuse, New York, with H. G. Hemingway & Co., Inc. After a short time he was transferred to the plant at Clyde and in 1912 became a director of the company. Since 1914 he has held his present position as resident manager and director.

Upon the organization of the Citizens Trust Company in September, 1920, Mr. Bray became director. He has been president since April, 1932.

In 1908 Mr. Bray married Miss Margaret Elizabeth Lang, the daughter of George Henry and Barbara Lang, of Clyde. Both are deceased.

Mr. Bray is a Republican and holds the office of village trustee. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is affiliated with Clyde Lodge, No. 341, F. and A. M.; Griswold Chapter, No. 201, R. A. M.; Zenobia Commandery, K. T., Palmyra; Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Rochester; and Rochester Club.

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**Jesse C. Petteys** is a leading member of the Wayne County bar, successfully engaged in practice at Clyde, and he is also a veteran of the World War. He was born at Pettey's Corners, Galen, Wayne County, June 29, 1888, the son of Lester A. and Susan D. (Heit) Petteys.

The Petteys family settled in Wayne County more than 200 years ago, three brothers having come here from England. Members of the family have served in the nation's wars and one Jesse Petteys served throughout the War of 1812. Lester A. Petteys was born on a farm at Savannah, Wayne County, and throughout his life was interested in general farming. He died in 1928 and his wife, also born at Galen, died in 1924. Both are buried in Maplegrove Cemetery, Clyde. Mr. Petteys was a Democrat and a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. There were five children in the Petteys family: 1. Louis L., farmer, lives at Waterloo, Rural Route 4. 2. Jesse C., the subject of this sketch. 3. Lester F., farmer, lives near Galen. 4. Lorena,

the widow of Arthur Starr, lives at Waterloo. 5. Maude, married Louis Sharpe, farmer, lives at Galen.

Jesse C. Petteys is a graduate of Geneva High School, class of 1908. He received the degree of LL. B. at Cornell University in 1913, and during the following year engaged in farming with his father. After his admission to the bar in March, 1915, Mr. Petteys established his present private practice at Clyde. He enlisted in August, 1918, for service in the World War and was sent to Camp Gordon, Georgia, where he was assigned to the Seventeenth Company, Fifth Training Battalion. His organization was later transferred to the Ninety-eighth Division at Camp McClellan, Alabama, and at the close of the war he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant.

In 1917 Mr. Petteys was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Sharpe, the daughter of Edward and Stella Sharpe, natives of England and New York respectively. He was a prosperous farmer of Wayne County and lived at Galen. Mr. and Mrs. Petteys have no children.

Politically Mr. Petteys is a Republican and holds the offices of Justice of the Peace, Village Attorney, and president of the Board of Education. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has the following lodge affiliations: Clyde Lodge, No. 341, F. and A. M., Past Master; Griswold Chapter, No. 201, R. A. M., Past High Priest; and George Aden Brown Post, No. 226, American Legion, Past Adjutant. He is Past Judge Advocate of the Wayne County American Legion and chairman of the Americanization Committee, former president of the Wayne County Bar Association, and president of the Clyde Exchange Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Petteys have a summer home on Lake Bluff, New York.

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**Kenneth P. Collier.**—Among the most successful of the younger business men of Wayne County is Kenneth P. Collier, dealer in farm supplies and coal at Clyde. He is a native of Wayne County, born at East Williamson, November 20, 1906, the son of Paul Daniel and Myra O. (Schimerhorn) Collier.



Paul Daniel Collier was born at Pultneyville, Wayne County, and his wife is a native of Ontario County. They are residents of Clyde. He established the Clyde Vinegar Works, as well as the Renco Milling Company, of which he is president and general manager. Mr. Collier is a Republican, and has held the offices of justice of the peace and village trustee. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to Clyde Lodge, No. 341, F. and A. M., Griswold Chapter, No. 201, R. A. M., and Zenobia Commandery, K. T. Mr. and Mrs. Collier's only child is Kenneth P., the subject of this sketch.

After completing a year of study at Clyde High School, Kenneth P. Collier became an apprentice carpenter in the employ of his uncle, B. C. Brown, of New York City. He subsequently served as manager of the Brutus Rolling Mills at Weedsport, New York, and afterward resumed his high school work, being a member of the graduating class of 1927 at Clyde. He then entered Union University. His next business connection was with the Clyde Farmers Exchange, leading dealers in farm supplies and coal. He became owner of the establishment in December, 1931. In August, 1932, Mr. Collier sold his business and is now manager of the Renco Milling Company.

In 1927 Mr. Collier was united in marriage with Miss Cecile Finch, the daughter of Frank E. and Ethel Louise (Meade) Finch, who are natives and residents of Clyde. Mr. and Mrs. Collier have a daughter, Jeanne, born November 22, 1928.

Mr. Collier is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and is senior deacon of Clyde Lodge, No. 241, F. and A. M.

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**Matthew Fischette** is a substantial and well known citizen of Clyde, where he is interested in the real estate and insurance business. He is a native of Italy, born at San Angelo, Lombardo, Province of Avelino, October 12, 1884, the son of Peter and Mary (Pitzerusso) Fischette.

Peter Fischette was born in Italy, and emigrated to this country with his family in 1886. He now lives retired at Clyde, and his

wife is deceased. Mr. Fischette is a Republican, a member of St. John's Catholic Church, and belongs to Star of Italy Lodge. There were four children in the Fischette family: 1. Thomas. 2. Frank. 3. Rose, married Alexander Dapoletto. 4. Matthew, the subject of this sketch. All live at Clyde.

Matthew Fischette was two years of age when his parents located at Clyde. He was educated in the public schools, and began his business career with the Wayne County Preserve Company, of Newark, New York. During 1909-10 he owned and operated the Wright Cleaning Works, at Bartlettsville, Oklahoma, and in the latter year returned to Clyde as a general contractor. He subsequently was ticket agent for the Rochester and Syracuse Railroad Company at Clyde, proprietor of the Wayne County Cheese Company, and local agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. In 1924 Mr. Fischette purchased the insurance business of D. L. Stow, which had been founded in 1825. He has offices on Park Street.

In 1901 Mr. Fischette married Miss Anna DeJohn, the daughter of Raphael and Rose DeJohn, both were natives of Italy, and residents of Lyons, New York. Mr. DeJohn is deceased and his widow resides at Clyde. To Mr. and Mrs. Fischette have been born four children: 1. Peter Vivian, married Ethel Gilkey, lives at Syracuse. 2. Rose, a graduate of Plattsburg Normal School, lives at home. 3. Matthew, Jr., attended Northeastern College, lives at home. 4. Virginia Lucile, at home.

Mr. Fischette served as village trustee during 1925-28, and since 1929 has been village clerk and collector. He is also secretary of the village zoning commission. He is a member of St. John's Catholic Church; Secretary of Loyal Order of Moose, No. 1675; President of Chapter 974, Order of Sons of Italy in America; member of Star of Italy; and Clyde Volunteer Fire Department.

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**Edwin Thales Emmons.**—As city editor of the Geneva Daily Times for more than a quarter of a century, Mr. Emmons has always taken a keen interest in the history and advancement of the city of Geneva. He was born at Woodstock, Vermont, April 11, 1882, the son of Thales Winn and Alma (Randall) Emmons.



Thales Winn Emmons was a native of Vermont, born at Taftsville, about 1844. Throughout his life he was a farmer and he died September 25, 1907. He is buried at Taftsville. His wife, the daughter of Billy Decatur Randall, jeweler, died December 23, 1904. They had two sons: Edwin Thales, the subject of this sketch. 2. Roy Winn, jeweler, lives at Rochester, New York.

Edwin Thales Emmons grew up at Taftsville, Vermont, and attended the public schools there and at Woodstock, being graduated from high school in 1899. He then worked on the Vermont Standard, a weekly publication at Woodstock, where he learned the trade of printer. He also was local correspondent for the Boston Herald and other leading newspapers. In 1902 he went to Syracuse as a reporter on the Syracuse Evening Telegram, in which capacity he served for almost two years. His next work was at Rochester as court reporter on the Rochester Herald. From 1902 until 1906 he had reportorial connections with the Boston American and Brockton Times, returning later to the Rochester Herald. In 1906 Mr. Emmons came to Geneva as city editor on the Geneva Daily Times.

Mr. Emmons is president of the Geneva Historical Society, president of the Canandaigua Botanical Society, as well as a member of the Historical Sites Committee of the Ontario County Historical Society. He is also a member of the Book Committee of the Geneva Free Library, and for many years was a director of the United Welfare Council of Geneva. He was president for fifteen years of the Geneva Civic League, and is a member of the board of directors of the Geneva Social Service League, of which he was president for three years. He holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce, Geneva Garden Club, American Fern Society, Seneca Yacht Club, and Geneva Rod and Gun Club. His interesting hobby is the collecting of native ferns of the eastern section of the United States and he has a complete collection of specimens in Central New York. Mr. Emmons has been a contributor to a number of magazines, of fiction and of Nature articles, and during 1931-32 published a complete history of the city of Geneva, including numerous biographies of Geneva citizens.

Mr. Emmons was married November 8, 1906, to Miss Maude Eloise Townsend, the daughter of Albert H. and Laura (Blossom) Townsend, of Woodstock, Vermont. They are the parents of two children: 1. Alma Randall, born January 9, 1910, a graduate of Geneva High School and William Smith College, Geneva. She received the degree of Master of Arts at Radcliffe College in 1931. 2. Albert Edwin, born May 9, 1913, a graduate of Geneva High School, attends the College of Forestry, Syracuse University.

Politically, Mr. Emmons is a Republican. He and his family are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Geneva.

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**Albert Young**, funeral director, is recognized as one of the dependable business men of Williamson, Wayne County. He was born in Buiksloot, Holland, on August 28, 1886, the son of Herman and Magdalena (Langewis) Young.

Herman Young and his wife were natives of Holland, and he was a fisherman for many years in his native land. He later came to the United States and settled on a farm in Wayne County, near Williamson. He died June 15, 1930, and is buried at Pultneyville. To Mr. and Mrs. Young were born ten children.

Albert Young received his education in the schools of Rochester, New York. He assisted his father in farming for a time and then was employed in the furniture store and undertaking establishment of J. C. Barzine at Williamson. After two years he went with C. I. Dezutter, and in November, 1906, Mr. Young became a licensed embalmer in the State of New York. He spent four years in the employ of James Joseph Wylie, of Sodus, and then established a business at Savannah, New York. Subsequently, he was located at Ossining, New York, for three years, and in January, 1913, in association with H. E. Farnsworth he purchased the business of his former employer, J. C. Berzine, at Williamson. After three years the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Farnsworth retailed the furniture store. Mr. Young became the owner of the funeral business. A modern funeral home and attractive chapel, the latter with a seating capacity of 250 people, has recently been





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opened by Mr. Young, who is numbered among the progressive funeral directors of the county. Ambulance service is also maintained. Mr. Young holds membership in the New York State Funeral Directors Association, New York State Embalmers Association, and National Association of Funeral Directors.

On December 25, 1905, Mr. Young was united in marriage with Miss C. Margaret Farnsworth, the daughter of William D. and Sylvia (Woodworth) Farnsworth. To them have been born three children: 1. Esther Margaret, born September 10, 1907, attended Alfred University and Rochester Business Institute of Commerce. 2. Donald Woodworth, born January 9, 1915, attends Williamson High School. 3. Albert, Jr., born September 3, 1916, attends Williamson High School.

Mr. Young is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 826, and Rotary Club. He is a member of Pultneyville Lodge No. 159, F. & A. M., Wayne Chapter No. 276, R. A. M., and Zenobia Commandery No. 41, K. T.

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**Capt. George S. Allen, M. D.**—Prominent in professional activities in Central New York is Doctor George S. Allen, who has successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Clyde, Wayne County, since 1900. He was born at Farmington, Ontario County, May 18, 1873, the son of Ellery G. and Mary Jane (Briggs) Allen.

Ellery G. Allen was a native of New York and one of Farmington's best known citizens. He was born at Oppenheim, Herkimer County, November 1, 1843, and died July 10, 1932, and until his retirement was a progressive and well known farmer. He was a Republican, and held the offices of justice of the peace and supervisor. He attended the Hicksite Quaker Church, and was affiliated with Macedon Lodge, F. & A. M., and Griswold Chapter, R. A. M. His wife was born at Arcadia, Wayne County, and died in 1917. She is buried at Farmington. To Mr. and Mrs. Allen were born the following children: 1. Jennie, married Frank G. Hawkins, lives at Victor, New York. 2. George S., the subject of

this sketch. 3. Lewis F., who lives on the homestead. 4. Dr. Charles E., a dentist, lives at Brockton, New York. 5. Willard H., general farmer, lives at Macedon, Wayne County. 6. Carrie B., married Gilbert H. Padghan, lives at Farmington, New York.

After attending the district school at Farmington, George S. Allen attended Macedon Center Academy, and in 1897 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the University of Buffalo. During 1897-98 he was an interne in Erie County Hospital, Buffalo, and he then spent one year in practice at Rochester. Doctor Allen located at Clyde in March, 1900, where he has since maintained an extensive practice. He has also taken graduate work at Harvard University.

At the outbreak of the World War Doctor Allen volunteered his services and in April, 1917, was commissioned a first lieutenant in the U. S. Medical Reserve Corps, being sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana. In September, 1917, he was transferred to the Three Hundred and Twenty-ninth Infantry, Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, and on January 22, 1918, received the commission of captain. While at Camp Sherman he served as an instructor in various capacities, and later was acting commander of the medical department of the regiment. He was honorably discharged for disability in line of duty, March 19, 1918.

Doctor Allen is a Republican and for nine years served as coroner of Wayne County. He was postmaster of Clyde from December, 1911, until the spring of 1915. In 1915 he was appointed health officer of the town of Galen, in which capacity he served until August, 1918, when the village of Clyde and the town of Galen were combined, and he has continued to the present time as health officer. He also has been a member of the Clyde board of education since 1917 and for several terms was president. He is past president and secretary of the Wayne County Medical Society, and holds membership in the New York State Medical Society, and American Medical Association. He is also associate staff member of Auburn City Hospital and Geneva General Hospital.

On November 2, 1899, Doctor Allen was united in marriage with Miss Nellie S. Padghan, the daughter of Albert and Mary J. (Smith) Padghan, natives of England and Victor, Ontario County,



respectively. He is deceased and his widow resides at Clyde. To Doctor and Mrs. Allen were born six children, as follows: 1. Ellery G., B. S., M. D., a graduate of Colgate University and Harvard Medical College, is now instructor in Clinical Medicine, Syracuse University College of Medicine, and also engaged in private practice at Syracuse. He married Miss Millicent Green, and they live at Syracuse. 2. Laura C., a graduate of Cornell University, Bachelor of Science degree, married Carl H. Preston, lives at Ithaca, New York. 3. Wilda B., a graduate of Cornell University, Bachelor of Science degree, married Edward R. Stephens, lives at Detroit, Mich. 4. Dorothy E., a graduate of Elmira College for Women, Bachelor of Science degree, lives at home. 5. William Howard Taft, a graduate of Peekskill Military Academy, attended West Point Military Academy for two years, now a senior at Colgate University. 6. Charles S., a graduate of Mercersburg Academy, now a senior at Colgate University.

Doctor Allen is an elder of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with Macedon Lodge No. 343, F. & A. M., Rochester Consistory, thirty-second degree, Damascus Temple, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He also belongs to George A. Brown Post No. 226, American Legion, and Disabled Emergency Officers of the World War.

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**William Adolphe Gracey.**—As editor and publisher of "The Geneva Daily Times," William Adolphe Gracey occupies a position of paramount importance in Ontario County. He was born in Nynee Tal, India, August 4, 1866, the son of Rev. John T. and Annie (Ryder) Gracey, who were missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. John T. Gracey was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1831, of Scotch and English parentage. He was married March 10, 1858, to Miss Annie Ryder, the daughter of William Ryder, of Christiana, Delaware. To this union were born four children, of whom William A., subject of this sketch, was the second in order of birth. Reverend Gracey and his wife served as missionaries in India from 1861 until 1869, and upon their return

to the United States he became a prominent minister in western New York. Both he and his wife gained prominence as writers and speakers. He died January 5, 1912, and Mrs. Gracey died in 1908. Both are buried in Clifton Springs, New York.

William Adolphe Gracey received his early education in the public schools of Buffalo and Rochester. He spent three years at the University of Rochester, but left school in 1888 to take up newspaper work. During his high school career Mr. Gracey had evinced a marked talent for writing and was editor of "The Campus," the student publication at the University. He became a reporter for Rochester daily newspapers while a university student, and in 1889 became one of the editors of "The Rochester Democrat and Chronicle," in which capacity he served for a period of nine years. On January 1, 1898, Mr. Gracey came to Geneva as an associate of the late Herbert J. Fowler, editor and publisher of "The Geneva Daily Times," at that time a struggling daily, which had been founded in 1895, by M. J. Dillon. Three years later it was still an eight-page publication with very little paid advertising and inadequate news service. During the succeeding years under the capable management and editorship of Mr. Gracey, "The Geneva Daily Times" has become one of the outstanding newspapers in Northern and Central New York. It is published at the present time by the Geneva Printing Company, a separate corporation, of which Mr. Gracey is president. George B. Williams, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this history, is business manager, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Gracey was married September 5, 1889, to Miss Luella Warfield, the daughter of Richard N. and Rachel E. Warfield, of Rochester, New York. To them were born four children: 1. Katharine, married William F. Merrill, lives at Port Washington, New York. They have a daughter, Eleanor Warfield Merrill. 2. Lawrence W., born in Rochester January 15, 1896, attended Geneva High School, Peddie School at Hightstown, New Jersey, and Hobart College. He served in the navy in the World War. He is member editorial staff of the "Geneva Daily Times." He is prominent in local civic affairs, a member of the common council past ten years, president of the Geneva Red Cross Chapter, president



of the Y. M. C. A., active in work of Social Service League and other organizations. He is a member First Presbyterian Church and Kappa Alpha college fraternity. 3. Lewis A., optometrist, lives at Port Washington, New York. He served in France during the World War. He is married and has a son, Lewis Brown Gracey. 4. Stuart, born in 1902, now a teacher of piano and voice at Seneca Falls, New York.

Politically, Mr. Gracey has always been identified with the Republican party. He and his family are active members of the First Presbyterian Church of Geneva, of which he is an elder. He is also a director of the Y. M. C. A., member of the United States Civil Legion, Geneva Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Country Club, and Psi Upsilon college fraternity. Since 1916 he has been an active member of the Geneva Park Board and is now president of that organization. Mr. Gracey is an outstanding figure in newspaper affairs, being a member of the Associated Press, American Newspaper Publishers Association, New York State Publishers Association, New York Associated Dailies, and New York State Society of Editors.

Mr. Gracey is also extensively interested in community music and for many years has been recognized as a leader in this particular field of endeavor. He also was director of the choir of the First Presbyterian Church for eighteen years.

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**Thomas Hillhouse Chew.**—As president of the Geneva Trust Company, Mr. Chew was easily one of the dominating forces in the financial and business life of the city of Geneva, where he spent his entire life. He was born here, May 26, 1856, the son of Alexander Lafayette and Sarah Augusta (Prouty) Chew, and died March 3, 1932.

Alexander Lafayette Chew was long identified with the business affairs of Geneva. He was born at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1825 and came to Geneva at the age of 20 years to attend Hobart College. He was graduated from that institution in 1848 and immediately became associated with the hardware firm of Prouty &

Chew. After a few years Mr. Chew retired from that business and entered the banking field as a member of the private banking firm of Chew & Raines. This partnership continued until 1863, at which time it was merged with the newly organized First National Bank of Geneva, and Mr. Chew continued as president of the institution until his death. He is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva. Sarah Augusta (Prouty) Chew was the daughter of Phineas Prouty, a native of Vermont and a very early settler of Geneva. To Mr. and Mrs. Chew were born eight children, of whom Thomas H., the subject of this sketch, was the fourth. Six are deceased.

The boyhood of Thomas Hillhouse Chew was spent at Geneva and he attended Walnut Hill School. He was also a graduate of St. John's School, at Manlius, New York, and received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Hobart College in 1876. Mr. Chew became associated at that time with his father's banking interests and was a messenger in the First National Bank. He subsequently was promoted to bookkeeper, later became teller, and then cashier. Upon the death of his father he succeeded to the presidency. In 1919 the Geneva Trust Company was organized under the state law and the First National Bank was merged with it. Mr. Chew continued in the office of president until the time of his death.

Politically, Mr. Chew was a Republican. He was a prominent member of Trinity Episcopal Church, of which he was warden, and he also belonged to the Sons of the American Revolution, Society of the Genesee, Genesee Valley Club of Rochester, Geneva Country Club, Geneva Yacht Club, Geneva Rod and Gun Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of Sigma Phi fraternity.

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**George Burbank Williams.**—Active and progressive in public affairs in the city of Geneva is George B. Williams, who has been identified with the Geneva Printing Company, publishers of the Geneva Daily Times, as secretary and treasurer since 1907. He was born at Rochester, New York, September 8, 1873, the son of Samuel Burbank and Emma Elizabeth (Warfield) Williams.



Samuel Burbank Williams was a Civil War veteran. He was born at Deerfield, Massachusetts, October 17, 1843, and died January 17, 1927. He served throughout the war period, and was married December 8, 1865, to Miss Emma Elizabeth Warfield, daughter of Richard N. Warfield, of Rochester, New York. She died August 20, 1926. Both are buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Rochester. They had two children, of whom George Burbank was the oldest.

The boyhood of George Burbank Williams was spent at Rochester, where he attended the public schools. He was graduated from Rochester University with the degree of Ph. B. in 1897, having majored in the study of chemistry and political economy. He immediately went to Arizona in charge of a gold mine, which was owned and operated by a group of Rochester business men. After two years Mr. Williams returned to Rochester and from 1900 until 1903 was cashier in the office of the city treasurer of Rochester. During the following four years he was deputy city comptroller of Rochester and in that time was active in the organization of the National Association of Comptrollers and Accounting Officers. In January, 1907, he came to Geneva in his present capacity as secretary, treasurer and business manager of the Geneva Printing Company.

In 1926 Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Miss Eva Nixon, the daughter of Rev. Harmon and Eva A. Nixon, of Evanston, Illinois. The former, deceased, was pastor of the Baptist Church and lived retired at Granville, Ohio, for many years.

Mr. Williams is identified with the various state and national newspaper associations, being president of the New York Associated Dailies in 1929. He is also a life member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers. He belongs to the Society of Colonial Wars, Colonial Governors, Phi Upsilon fraternity, University Club, Geneva Country Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife are associate members of the First Presbyterian Church of Geneva, and members of the Brick Church of Rochester, New York.

Mr. Williams is vice president and director of the Poligraphic Company of America, Inc., of New York City, and vice president and director of the Partlow Corporation of Utica, New York.

**Thomas Jefferson Bolger** is one of the progressive business men of Geneva, and he also holds the office of city clerk. He was born in the town of Seneca, Ontario County, New York, November 28, 1875, the son of Andrew and Honora (Buckley) Bolger.

Andrew Bolger was a native of Ireland, born in County Wexford, August 9, 1844. He emigrated to the United States in 1866 and settled in Ontario County, where he continued his agricultural pursuits. Mr. Bolger died December 16, 1918, and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Geneva. His wife was the daughter of Timothy Buckley, of Geneva. To Mr. and Mrs. Bolger were born nine children, two of whom survive: 1. Thomas Jefferson, the subject of this sketch. 2. Andrew, born in April, 1878. He is a nurseryman and lives at Geneva.

Thomas J. Bolger attended the public schools and also was a student at St. Francis de Sales High School, Geneva. He left school at the age of seventeen years to enter the employ of Bronson & Hopkins, nurserymen, of Geneva, and he remained with that firm for six years. He then went with the Sweeney Nurseries and in 1901, after a period of five years, Mr. Bolger purchased the business of Mr. Sweeney. For a three year period he also managed the nursery of O. L. Gerrish, and in 1904 he took over that enterprise also, which was merged with his original nursery. The business is known as the Universal Nurseries and Mr. Bolger is recognized as one of the city's leading nurserymen.

On June 30, 1924, Mr. Bolger was united in marriage with Miss Margaret A. O'Brien, daughter of Daniel R. and Anna O'Brien, of Shortsville, New York. They have no children.

In politics Mr. Bolger is identified with the Democratic party and he has been honored by numerous public offices. He was elected alderman from the Second Ward in 1905 and re-elected in 1907; became supervisor at large in the city in 1909; and in 1911 was appointed chairman of the civil service commission, which office he held for six years. He was also chairman of the Ontario County Democratic Committee from 1911 until 1915, and in 1922 was a member of the Democratic State Committee. He was appointed to his present office as city clerk and assumed duty on January 1, 1932.



Mr. and Mrs. Bolger are members of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, and he is affiliated with B. P. O. Elks, No. 1054, Knights of Columbus, No. 272, Geneva Council, and Alhambra Society of Rochester.

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**Louis Jacob Licht.**—Actively identified for many years with the affairs of the Patent Cereal Corporation, Geneva, as secretary, Louis Jacob Licht, who lives retired at Phelps, is recognized as one of Ontario County's most representative citizens. He was born at East Williamsburg, Long Island, New York, September 2, 1862, the son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Klinck) Licht.

Frederick Licht was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1825. He emigrated to the United States with his parents in 1832 and settled at Brooklyn, New York, where for many years he was successful as a brewer. About 1854 Mr. Licht married Miss Elizabeth Klinck, the daughter of George Klinck, of Brooklyn. She died in 1885 and Mr. Licht died in 1905. Both are buried in Brooklyn.

The education of Louis Jacob Licht was received in the Brooklyn public schools, from which he was graduated in 1879. He then was employed until 1884 in the offices of the Brooklyn Sugar Refining Company, and in the latter year was active in the organization of a manufacturing business with his father in Brooklyn. They became successful makers of cereal products and in 1888 were founders of the Patent Cereal Corporation in Geneva. Frederick Licht remained an officer in the company until his death and his son, Louis J., was secretary and treasurer until his retirement in 1927. He is now a director.

On October 2, 1889, Mr. Licht married Miss Caroline Galloupe, the daughter of Richard Galloupe, of Trumansburg, New York. To them were born two children: 1. Elizabeth, born in 1892, married Frederick L. King, who is assistant secretary and treasurer of the Patent Cereal Corporation. 2. Richard F., born in 1897. He is interested in the automobile business at Geneva. Caroline (Galloupe) Licht died in 1918, and is buried at Trumansburg.

Mr. Licht is a Democrat and has held numerous public offices. He was elected president of the city of Geneva in 1897, was a member of the board of public works from 1903 until 1913, and president of that body from 1910 until 1913, and from 1924 until 1930 was president of the Geneva Board of Health.

Mr. Licht is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, being a Knight Templar and member of Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Rochester. He also belongs to B. P. O. Elks, and has the distinction of being the first Exalted Ruler of the Geneva Lodge. He was for many years a prominent member of the Chamber of Commerce, and belonged to the Geneva Country Club and Geneva Rod and Gun Club.

Until his retirement Mr. Licht was also a director of the Geneva National Bank, which was recently merged with the National Bank of Geneva.

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**Dr. Ulysses Prentiss Hedrick.**—As horticulturist and director of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, at Geneva, Doctor Hedrick has gained a national reputation as an authority on horticulture. He was born near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, January 15, 1870, the son of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Catherine (Myers) Hedrick.

Benjamin Franklin Hedrick was a native of Dansville, Virginia, born January 12, 1832. Throughout his life he was interested in general farming, and he died at Lansing, Michigan, in October, 1907. He was married in 1867 to Miss Mary Catherine Myers, the daughter of Abraham Myers, of Elkhart, Indiana. For many years Mr. Myers was associated with the Studebaker wagonmaking industry and was a wheelwright by trade. To Benjamin Franklin and Mary Catherine (Myers) Hedrick were born three children, of whom Ulysses P., subject of this sketch, was the second. By a former marriage Benjamin F. Hedrick had four children. Mary Catherine (Myers) Hedrick died in 1914 and is buried at Lansing, Michigan.

Ulysses P. Hedrick obtained his early education in the public schools of Harbor Springs, Michigan, being graduated from the



high school there in 1887. He then taught school for two years before entering Michigan Agriculture College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1893. He became an instructor in horticulture at the same institution for two years and also received the degree of Master of Science there in 1895. Mr. Hedrick received the appointment as professor of botany and horticulture in the Oregon State Agricultural College at Corvallis, Oregon, where he remained for two years. In 1897 he went to the Utah Agricultural College at Logan, Utah, as professor and held that position for three years. His next position was as professor of horticulture at Michigan State College, Lansing, Michigan, where he remained until 1905. In that year Mr. Hedrick came to Geneva as chief horticulturist in the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. He was made director in 1927. Mr. Hedrick is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and holds membership in the American Society of Horticultural Science, American Pomological Society, Royal Horticultural Society of England, Horticultural Societies of Belgium, Norway, Germany and Italy. He has made five trips to Europe in the interest of his profession. Doctor Hedrick is a regular contributor to scientific publications and is author of the following books: "Grapes of New York," 1908; "Plums of New York," 1910; "Cherries of New York," 1915; "Peaches of New York," 1917; "Manual of American Grape Growing," 1919; "Cyclopedia of Hardy Fruits," 1921; "Pears of New York," 1922; "Systematic Pomology," 1925; and "Small Fruits of New York," 1925.

On June 27, 1898, Doctor Hedrick was united in marriage with Miss Amy Willis Plummer, the daughter of Rev. George P. Plummer, a minister of the Episcopal Church, of Corvallis, Oregon. To them have been born three children: 1. Catherine Layton, born in 1899, a graduate of William Smith College, Geneva. She married Guy S. Greene, professor of public speaking at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. 2. Penelope Rodney, born in 1906, died at the age of thirteen years and is buried at Geneva. 3. Ulysses P., Jr., born in 1909. He is a graduate of Geneva High School, and attended Michigan State College.

Doctor Hedrick has always been a Democrat, and he has held the offices of city cemetery commissioner and police commissioner. He and his family are active members of the Episcopal Church, and he belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Geneva Country Club, Sigma Psi and Alpha Zeta fraternities.

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**Thomas Anthony Kane.**—One of the most able of the younger attorneys of Geneva is Thomas Anthony Kane, who has offices at 50 Seneca Street. He was born in this city, December 9, 1897, the son of Thomas A. and Mary (Dwyer) Kane.

Thomas A. Kane is deceased. He was born in Geneva in 1856, and for a period of thirty-six years successfully engaged in business in this city as a retail grocer. He died October 11, 1912, and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Geneva. Mr. Kane was married October 29, 1890, to Miss Mary Dwyer, the daughter of Cornelius and Alice (Mahar) Dwyer, of Aurora, New York. Mrs. Kane is prominent in civic affairs in Geneva, and for sixteen years has been a member of the board of directors of Geneva General Hospital. She is also a member of the board of visitors of Newark State School, at Newark, New York, having been appointed by Governor Alfred Smith and re-appointed by Governor Roosevelt. Another office held by Mrs. Kane is membership in the board of visitors of Willard State Hospital, at Willard, New York. She is local president of the National Council of Catholic Women, and is a member of the Catholic Daughters of America. To Thomas A. and Mary (Dwyer) Kane were born two children: 1. Thomas Anthony, the subject of this sketch. 2. One child died in infancy.

Thomas Anthony Kane was graduated from Geneva High School in 1917. He then entered Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts and LL. B. in 1921 and 1924, respectively. He spent two years in the offices of W. Smith O'Brien, at Geneva, and was admitted to the bar, May 21, 1926. Mr. Kane then established a pri-



vate practice in the city. He is identified with the Ontario County Bar Association and New York State Bar Association.

Politically, Mr. Kane is a Democrat. He is an active member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, and is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, being Past Grand Knight of the local chapter. He also is a member of B. P. O. Elks, Delta Chi fraternity, Chamber of Commerce, Lakeside Country Club, and Geneva Rod and Gun Club.

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**Alexander Wilson Skinner.**—A member of the Ontario County Bar for almost twenty years, Mr. Skinner is recognized as a leading lawyer of Geneva. He was born at Rushville, Yates County, New York, October 11, 1888, the son of Dr. William W. and Hattie May (Scofield) Skinner.

Dr. William W. Skinner has been a prominent physician and surgeon of Geneva since 1898. He was born at Maringo, Illinois, January 14, 1860, and was graduated from the College of Medicine, University of Buffalo, in 1887 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He remained in private practice at Rushville, New York, until his removal to Geneva in 1898. Doctor Skinner was married in 1881 to Miss Hattie May Scofield, daughter of John P. and Deborah (Townsend) Scofield. To this union were born four children, of whom Alexander Wilson, subject of this sketch, was the first in order of birth.

The boyhood of Alexander Wilson Skinner was spent at Geneva, where he attended the public schools. After his graduation from high school in 1906 he entered Hobart College for one year. He then spent a year at the University of Syracuse and subsequently studied law at the University of Wisconsin, from which he received the degree of LL. B. in 1910. Upon his return to the city, Mr. Skinner spent some time in the office of W. Smith O'Brien, and was admitted to the bar in September, 1914. His entire professional career has been identified with the city of Geneva and he has served as transfer tax attorney for Ontario County since 1923. He is a prominent member of the Ontario

County Bar Association and New York State Bar Association, and was a delegate from Ontario County to the Federation of Bar Associations of Western New York.

On October 16, 1912, Mr. Skinner was united in marriage with Miss May Gannon, the daughter of Michael and Margaret Gannon, of Geneva. Their children are: 1. William W., born April 17, 1914, attends Geneva High School. 2. Mary Alexandra, born April 21, 1919.

Politically, Mr. Skinner has always been a Democrat. He has taken a keen and active interest in the affairs of his party and on five different occasions was unsuccessful candidate for office: city judge in 1915 and again in 1921; mayor in 1925; State Assembly in 1917; and State Senator in 1930. Mr. Skinner belongs to B. P. O. Elks, Loyal Order of Moose, Zeta Psi fraternity, Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, Lakeside Country Club, and Geneva Rod and Gun Club. His offices are located at 503 Exchange Street, and the family residence is at 91 Highland Avenue, Smith Park, Geneva.

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**Arthur John Cowan.**—One of the progressive and well known young business men of Geneva is Arthur John Cowan, who is connected with the Almarco Printing Company, located at 102 Castle Street. He is a native of England, born in London in 1893, the son of Arthur Cowan, who served in the English army with the rank of captain. He died in 1897 and is buried in London.

Arthur John Cowan was the youngest of five children. He received his education in the grade and high schools of London and as a young man learned the printer's trade. At the age of nineteen years he came to the United States and secured a position with a printing establishment in New York City. After a short time he removed to Savannah, Georgia, and from there to Lyons, New York, where he was employed by the Lyons Printing Company for a time. Mr. Cowan came to Geneva in 1917 and for five years was employed by W. F. Humphrey. In 1922 he was a partner in the organization of the Almarco Printing Company,



together with Herman E. Aldrich and Eugene J. Marshall. They are commercial printers and are recognized as expert craftsmen.

On June 21, 1914, Mr. Cowan was united in marriage with Miss Mary Medbury, the daughter of William Medbury, of Lyons, New York. They have three children: 1. Phyllis G., born in 1915, attends St. Francis de Sales High School. 2. William J., born in 1917. 3. Elizabeth, born in 1920.

Mr. Cowan is a Republican, a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis Club, Y. M. C. A., and Chamber of Commerce. He is scout master of Boy Scouts in Geneva.

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**Eugene Joseph Marshall.**—Identified with the Almarco Printing Company, 102 Castle Street, Mr. Marshall is one of Geneva's best known business men. He is a native of this city, born May 26, 1892, the son of Eugene A. and Harriet (Ridley) Marshall.

Eugene A. Marshall was born on a farm six miles south of Waterloo, New York, in 1870. He was an interior decorator and engaged in business throughout his life at Geneva. Mr. Marshall died in 1914 and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Geneva. He was married in 1889 to Miss Harriet Ridley, daughter of Henry Ridley, of Geneva. They were the parents of six children, two of whom died in infancy.

Eugene Joseph Marshall has always lived in Geneva. He is a graduate of the public schools and began his work as a printer in the shops of W. F. Humphrey. After three and one-half years he was employed by W. L. Packard, at that time publisher of the Geneva Daily Times. Mr. Marshall remained there for two years and then became foreman in the shops of Roy Goodwin, commercial printer. After eight years in the latter's employ, Mr. Marshall became associated with Herman E. Aldrich and Arthur J. Cowan as owners of the Almarco Printing Company. They are recognized as the city's leading commercial printers.

Mr. Marshall was married June 21, 1915, to Miss Glenora McCullum, daughter of J. B. McCullum, of Tioga, Pennsylvania.

They were the parents of two children: one died in infancy; and Robert J., born April 6, 1920. Mrs. Marshall died March 3, 1921, and is buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Geneva.

Politically, Mr. Marshall is independent. He is an active member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, B. P. O. Elks, F. O. Eagles, and Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Marshall is an ardent sportsman and is especially fond of hunting and fishing. The family lives at 100 East North Street.

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**Bert T. Baker.**—A lawyer with a wide and an important practice in Ithaca is Bert T. Baker, who has engaged in practice here since 1897. He was born in the Town of Enfield, Tompkins County, March 3, 1872, the son of Theodore J. and Eloise (Titus) Baker.

Theodore J. Baker was a native of Orange County, New York, and died in 1926. He was a graduate of the public schools of Ithaca, and for a number of years was a prosperous farmer in Tompkins County. He also served as assessor of the Town of Ithaca for fifteen years and as town clerk of the Town of Enfield. Mr. Baker was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Grange and Maccabees. His widow, born in the Town of Ovid, Seneca County, resides at Ithaca. There were four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Baker: 1. Bert T., the subject of this sketch. 2. Forest J. 3. Jerry M. 4. Anna, married Walter Tilton. All live at Ithaca.

Bert T. Baker acquired his early education in the public schools of the Town of Enfield. In 1888 he came to Ithaca to make his home with an uncle, James L. Baker, one of the city's leading attorneys. He subsequently was graduated from Ithaca High School and received the degree of LL. B. at Cornell University in 1897, being admitted to the bar during the same year. He was associated in practice with his uncle until the latter's death in 1916. Mr. Baker has offices in the Ithaca Savings Bank Building.

Mr. Baker is a Republican and held the office of acting Recorder of Ithaca for four years, clerk of the Board of Supervisors of





BERT T. BAKER





Tompkins County for ten years, election commissioner of Tompkins County for six years, and county attorney for Tompkins County for four years, city attorney for the City of Ithaca for two years and clerk of the Board of Assessors of the City of Ithaca for four years. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with Hobasco Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 716. He is a member and vice president (1932) of Tompkins County Bar Association, and a member and alternate delegate (1932) of the Federation of Bar Associations of the Sixth Judicial District.

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**Hon. Melvin Snow Gaylord.**—As president and treasurer of Dorchester & Rose, hardware dealers, Mr. Gaylord ranks among the progressive business men of Geneva, and is a member of one of the oldest and best known families in Ontario County. He was born in this city, March 3, 1871, the son of John B. and Anna (Howard) Gaylord.

John B. Gaylord was born in Geneva in 1835. He was the son of Philotus Gaylord, pioneer builder and contractor of this city. Many of the old business blocks, as well as college buildings, stand as examples of the skill and workmanship of Philotus Gaylord. He is deceased and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva. His son, John B., carried on the work which was begun by his father and was well known as a building contractor at the time of his death in 1880. He was married in 1860 to Miss Anna Howard, of Holyoke, Massachusetts. To them were born nine children, of whom Melvin S., subject of this sketch, was the fifth.

At the age of fourteen years Melvin S. Gaylord left school to enter the employ of Dorchester & Rose, hardware dealers, and for forty-eight years he has continued in the company's business. He was advanced steadily and after various promotions attained the responsibilities of the offices of president and treasurer of the corporation.

On July 24th, 1901, Mr. Gaylord was united in marriage with Miss Jessie M. Fidler, the daughter of Charles and Lillian (Bordell) Fidler, of Pittston, Pennsylvania. They have no children. The family residence is located at 172 Hamilton Street, Geneva.

Politically, Mr. Gaylord is identified with the Republican party, and he has held numerous public offices, being tax collector from 1899 until 1911, alderman from 1899 until 1900 and 1921 until 1929, inclusive, and president of the city council from 1926 until 1929. He was elected mayor of Geneva for the years 1930 and 1931, and from 1916 until 1920 was president of the board of fire commissioners.

Mr. Gaylord became a member of the New York National Guard at Geneva in 1889 and in 1898 enlisted for service in the Spanish-American War. He received the commission of second lieutenant June 4, 1898, and was later placed on the retired list. In 1916, however, he was called into service with the rank of captain and later was promoted to major. He saw service during the Mexican trouble and again in the World War did recruiting in Ontario County. Mr. Gaylord is now on the retired list and is commander of the local company with the rank of captain.

Mr. Gaylord is a member of the Episcopal Church, and is a charter member of the Geneva Lodge, F. and A. M. He also is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Geneva Country Club, and Geneva Rod and Gun Club.

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**Edward John Cook.**—Both in professional and business affairs, Edward John Cook is recognized as a leading figure in the city of Geneva, where he has successfully engaged in the practice of law since 1898. He was born at Warren, Ohio, June 20, 1873, the son of Ephraim J. and Mary Grace (Day) Cook.

Ephraim J. Cook, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in 1843. The greater part of his life was spent as a merchant at Warren, and he died there in 1889. He served throughout the Civil War as a member of Company A, 42nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Cook was married in 1868 to Miss Mary Grace Day, the daughter of Thomas Day, of Orwell, Ohio. He was a successful farmer of Ashtabula County. Four sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cook, two of whom died in infancy.



Edward John Cook received his early education in the public schools of Warren, Ohio, and also attended Oberlin Academy and Oberlin College. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Hobart College in 1895 and then studied law at the New York Law School, from which he was graduated with the degree of LL. B. in 1898. Before his admission to the bar Mr. Cook spent two years in the law offices of Alexander & Colby, New York City. He then returned to Geneva to engage in private practice. Mr. Cook has specialized in corporation law and has attained prominence in that particular field. He is also a director of the Geneva Trust Company, Geneva Savings Bank, Geneva General Hospital, and Geneva Free Library, and is president of the Geneva Milk Company.

On June 14, 1900, Mr. Cook was united in marriage with Miss May Martin Smith, daughter of Martin H. and Anna (Thomas) Smith. He is a prominent citizen of Geneva and for many years was a prosperous and successful farmer of Ontario and Seneca counties. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cook: Edward, died in infancy; Marianna, died at the age of five years; Robert Martin, born in April, 1915, a graduate of Hill School, at Pottstown, Pennsylvania, class of 1931, now a student at Cornell University; and Constance Curtis, born December 31, 1931.

Mr. Cook has been identified with the Republican party in politics, but has never sought public office. He and his family are members of the North Presbyterian Church, of Geneva, of which he has been a member of the board of elders for twelve years and board of trustees for twenty years. He is also affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, Chamber of Commerce, Geneva Country Club, Seneca Yacht Club, Geneva Rod and Gun Club, Rotary Club, and Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

Mr. Cook is an active member of the Geneva, Ontario County, New York State, and American Bar Associations, and was active in the organization of the Western New York State Bar Association. He is also secretary of the board of trustees of Hobart College and chairman of the finance committee.

The Cook family residence is located at 616 Main Street, Geneva.

**Richard William Morris.**—Widely known in Ontario County and Central New York as the efficient and able chief of police at Geneva, Richard William Morris is also prominent in the fraternal and civic life of the community. He was born at Brooklyn, New York, February 25, 1896, the son of Harry and Florence (Deeley) Morris.

Harry Morris was born in Brooklyn, New York, and died there in 1897. He was married in 1894 to Miss Florence Deeley, daughter of Richard Joseph Deeley, of Albany, New York, who came to this country from England about 1879 and settled in Albany. He was an ale brewer there for many years and in 1891 removed to Brooklyn. He later returned to England, where he died in 1905. To Harry and Florence (Deeley) Morris only one child was born, Richard William, the subject of this sketch.

Harry Morris was the son of Henry M. and Elizabeth Parke (Howle) Morris. Henry M. Morris was born at Ogdensburg, New York, March 4, 1825, the son of Lincoln Morris, a direct descendant of Governor Lincoln, the first governor of Massachusetts. Henry M. Morris married Elizabeth Parke Howle, of Washington, D. C., the daughter of Major Howle, who commanded the troops in defense of Faulkner Island during the War of 1812. Henry Morris died in 1914 and is buried in Ho-ho-kas Cemetery, Ridgewood, New Jersey.

Richard William Morris obtained his education in the public schools of Brooklyn and Altamont, New York. He went to Albany at the age of eighteen years and entered the employ of the Albany Perforated Wrapping Paper Company as a stock clerk. Mr. Morris remained there for two years and then enlisted in the United States Army and was sent to Texas during the trouble on the Mexican border. He remained in the service for one year and then became a member of the New York State troopers, in which capacity he served for a nine year period. Two years of that time he was stationed at Albany and from there was transferred to Oneida Barracks. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant of police and in 1926 he resigned to accept the office of chief of police in the city of Geneva.

Mr. Morris was married October 2, 1920, to Miss Inez Doris Tallett, the daughter of George and Eva (Coleman) Tallett, of



Chenango County, New York. They have a son, Richard William, Jr., born September 27, 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris are members of the First Presbyterian Church, and he is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, 32nd degree, and Tigris Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Syracuse. He also belongs to the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Geneva Rod and Gun Club, New York Association of Chiefs of Police and Police Instructors Association of the State of New York.

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**Thomas James Brennan, D. D. S.**—One of the very capable and highly successful dental surgeons of Central New York is Doctor Brennan, who has engaged in practice at Geneva for more than twenty years. He was born in this city, January 3, 1888, the son of Michael and Mary (Toole) Brennan.

Michael Brennan was born in County Limerick, Ireland, March 14, 1856, and came to this country when twelve years of age. He immediately settled at Geneva and secured employment in an iron foundry, which occupation he followed until his retirement. Mr. Brennan still lives in this city. He was married in 1885 to Miss Mary Toole, daughter of Thomas Toole, of Geneva. To them were born eight children, of whom Thomas James, subject of this sketch, was the second in order of birth.

Thomas James Brennan grew up in Geneva and attended the parochial schools. He was graduated from Villanova Preparatory School in 1906 and from Villanova College three years later. He then entered the College of Dentistry, University of Buffalo, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1911. His entire professional career has been spent in Geneva and he has offices at 503 Exchange Street. He is an active member of the Geneva Dental Society, New York State Dental Association, and American Dental Association.

On October 30, 1912, Doctor Brennan married Miss Mary H. Manley, the daughter of Henry C. Manley, for many years associated with J. W. Smith Company, dry goods, Geneva. He is now deceased. To Doctor and Mrs. Brennan have been born four chil-

dren: 1. Hilda Marie, born July 24, 1914, a graduate of St. Francis de Sales Institute in 1932. 2. Thomas H., born May 20, 1916. 3. Jean Kathryn, born August 25, 1918. 4. Robert James, born November 20, 1923.

In politics, Doctor Brennan has always been independent. He and his family are members of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, and he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, 4th degree, B. P. O. Elks, Geneva Country Club, and Geneva Rod and Gun Club.

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**Herman Eugene Aldrich**, deceased, who was associated with the Almarco Printing Company, ranked among the dependable business men of Geneva. He was born near Hudson, Michigan, July 9, 1874, the son of Lyman H. and Mary C. (Johnson) Aldrich.

Lyman H. Aldrich was born at Farmington, New York, in 1848, and died in 1925. During his early life he was a farmer and later a building contractor. He held the offices of peace officer, being sheriff and constable for many years. He was married in 1872 to Miss Mary C. Johnson, daughter of Nathaniel Johnson, of Palmyra, New York. They had four children.

Herman E. Aldrich attended the public schools of Shortsville, New York, and at the age of fifteen years left high school and entered a printing office to learn the trade of printer. He had been interested in that work for thirty-five years and was employed in various printing plants in the city until 1921, at which time in association with Eugene J. Marshall and Arthur J. Cowan, he was active in the organizing of the Almarco Printing Company. They are job printers and specialize in the publishing of advertising matter for wholesale and manufacturing concerns. The plant is located at 102 Castle Street. Mr. Aldrich died June 15, 1932, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Canandaigua, New York.

On March 2, 1897, Mr. Aldrich was united in marriage with Miss Adelia S. Cox, daughter of David S. Cox, who was for many years a well known clothier of Canandaigua, New York. He is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich was born one daughter, Dorcas Elizabeth, born March 13, 1910. She is a graduate of



Geneva High School, class of 1926, and William Smith College, Geneva, class of 1930, degree of Bachelor of Science. She then spent a year in study at the Auburn Theological Seminary, where she specialized in the history of religious education. She married Rev. David S. Sheldon, who is pastor of the Presbyterian Church, of Seneca Castle, New York.

Mr. Aldrich was independent in politics. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and had been a member of the official board. He also was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Kiwanis Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He was district commissioner of the Finger Lakes Council of Boy Scouts and took an active interest in the work of that organization. Mrs. Aldrich lives at Acrehurst.

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**John Geddie Henry.**—One of the prosperous business man and prominent citizens of Geneva is John Geddie Henry, contractor and builder, who has been identified with the city's growth and building activities since 1891. Mr. Henry was born in Clyde River, Nova Scotia, September 18, 1870, the son of Rev. Matthew G. and Mary (Parker) Henry.

Rev. Matthew G. Henry was a native of Nova Scotia, born in 1829. He was a minister of the Presbyterian Church and came to New York in 1890. He returned, however, to his native land after ten years, and four years later again came to this country. He lived in North Carolina for a time and died there in 1919 at the age of ninety years. He is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva. In 1865 Reverend Henry married Miss Mary Parker, the daughter of Joseph Parker, a farmer, and also a native of Nova Scotia. They were the parents of eight children.

John Geddie Henry received his education in Nova Scotia and came to this country in 1890. He was a carpenter by trade and in the following year located at Geneva, where he obtained employment with a contracting firm. He soon took contracts for himself and in 1912 erected his large planing mill at 6 Patterson Avenue, which is equipped with the most modern type of machinery used

in the manufacture of sashes, doors, and interior trim. Furniture and cabinet making are done in the plant. Mr. Henry has completed contracts for numerous fine residences in the city, and also built the Methodist Episcopal Church, parish house of the North Presbyterian Church, and the city's three theaters.

In 1897 Mr. Henry was united in marriage with Miss Breta L. Schaeffer, the daughter of Edwin C. and Sarah (Brickley) Schaeffer, of Geneva. Both are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry have been born three children: 1. Dorothea Parker, born in 1898, a graduate of Geneva High School and Elmira College for Women, class of 1918. She married Dr. Ralph Eveland, a dentist, and lives at Palmyra, New York. They have three sons. 2. Deane A., born in 1900, a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, at Troy, New York, and he is now associated in business with his father. 3. Marjorie E., born in 1904, a graduate of Geneva High School and Elmira College for Women, class of 1922, and Rochester Institute. She is secretary to the superintendent of education at North Tonawanda, New York.

Mr. Henry has always been a Republican. He is a prominent member of the North Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. The family lives at 48 Sherrill Street, Geneva.

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**Peter Reynolds Cole.**—Foremost among the representative citizens of Ontario County Peter Reynolds Cole holds a prominent position as treasurer and bursar of Hobart College in Geneva. He was born in Rensselaerville, New York, June 21, 1869, the son of Edgar and Deborah (Reynolds) Cole.

Edgar Cole was born at Durham, New York, September 17, 1836, and died October 16, 1908. He is buried at Rensselaerville. He was married in 1865 to Miss Deborah Reynolds, daughter of Peter Reynolds, a farmer of Ravena, New York. She was born at Coeymans, New York, January 11, 1842. They were the parents of six children, of whom Peter Reynolds, subject, was the third in order of birth.



The Cole family is of Dutch origin, and although there is no authentic proof it is definitely assumed that members of the family were among the very early settlers of Manhattan.

Peter Reynolds Cole was educated in the public schools of Rensselaerville and in 1886 was graduated from the Academy there. He then taught school in Albany County and came to Geneva in 1887 as bookkeeper for Palmer & Rouse. After five years in the firm's employ he organized and became general manager of the Geneva Coal Company in 1893, and was identified with that business for ten years. He then became managing editor of the Geneva Daily News, which was subsequently merged with the Geneva Daily Times. Mr. Cole spent five years with B. E. Rouse as manager of a wholesale grain and hay business and in 1909 was elected treasurer of Ontario County, being re-elected to that office for three successive terms. In 1911 he was elected the first president of the New York State organization of county treasurers. Mr. Cole was then elected president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Geneva in 1918 and that institution was later merged with the First National Bank and subsequently with the Geneva Trust Company. Mr. Cole has served in his present office as treasurer and bursar of Hobart College since 1919.

Mr. Cole was a member of the New York National Guards of Geneva from 1887 until 1902, inclusive.

On December 12, 1912, Mr. Cole was united in marriage with Miss Bertha L. Barth, the daughter of Frederick A. and Mary (Loefler) Barth, natives of Germany and well known residents of Geneva. Bertha L. (Barth) Cole died November 12, 1930, and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva.

Mr. Cole has always been a Republican and for many years served as a member of the Republican County Committee. He was also city clerk from 1898 until 1902 and secretary of the Geneva Board of Health from 1896 until 1897. He was a director and auditor of the National Protective Legion and Insurance Company with headquarters at Waverly, New York, for seven years, and resigned in 1911. He is a prominent member and also vestryman of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and affiliated with the Masonic and Elk Lodges, Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce,

and Geneva Rod and Gun Club. He is identified with the National College Administrative Association.

Mr. Cole is a director of the Geneva Trust Company. During the World War he played a prominent and important part in local affairs, being county director of war savings stamps and active in all Liberty Loan campaigns.

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**Louis DiPillo.**—As vice-president and superintendent of the Ontario Sand & Gravel Company, Mr. DiPillo ranks among Geneva's outstanding business men. He was born in Pratola Peligna, Italy, March 29, 1881, the son of Rocco DiPillo.

Rocco DiPillo was born in Italy in 1857 and died there in 1915.

Louis DiPillo was educated in the schools of his native land and is a graduate of a polytechnical school. He came to this country in 1901 and spent seven years in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company at Geneva. In 1908 he became a concrete construction foreman in the employ of the J. C. Carland Construction Company, railroad builders, and was employed on the contract between Brewster, Ohio, and Wheeling, West Virginia, for four years. In 1912 Mr. DiPillo returned to Italy on account of the serious illness of his father. The following year he again came to this country and was health inspector in the city of Canton, Ohio. In 1914 he made a second return trip to Italy and during that visit his father died. At the outbreak of the World War he met with difficulties in planning to return to the United States, but through intercession of the United States ambassador Mr. DiPillo was able to return, because he had become a citizen of this country in 1910. His next business connection was as Italian agent with the Commercial Bank of Geneva. Later, he was sanitary inspector for the city for a four year period, and in 1919 Mr. DiPillo became interested in business here in partnership with Joseph Sullivan. They organized a contracting firm and for eight years specialized in highway construction, in that time successfully completing eight contracts consisting of thirty miles of concrete highway, most of which was in the Finger Lakes



region. Roads were completed from Phelps to Newark, Palmyra, and Hammondsport, Waverly to Owego, Fulton to Minetto, Minetto to Oswego, and Bristol Valley Bridge, a forty-eight-foot span with two and one-half miles of paved road. In 1927 Mr. DiPillo opened a gravel pit half a mile west of Five Points, near Oaks Corners. At the present time it has developed into the largest sand and gravel plant in this section and equipped with electric devices has a capacity of producing 2,000 tons of sand and gravel per day. In 1928 Mr. DiPillo formed a partnership with George C. and Watson E. Pelton and the business was incorporated in 1929 as the Ontario Sand & Gravel Company.

On June 13, 1901, Mr. DiPillo was united in marriage with Miss Jennie DeMattia, a native of Italy. To them were born four children, two of whom died in infancy. Those surviving are: 1. Rosa, born in 1914. 2. Mario, born in 1915. Since 1915 Mrs. DiPillo has spent the greater part of her time in her native land.

Mr. DiPillo is a Democrat, a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, and belongs to the Geneva Rod & Gun Club.

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**Rev. Samuel Harmon Edsall.**—Prominent throughout Central New York as the rector of Trinity Church in Geneva, Mr. Edsall is one of the city's most esteemed and respected men. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, January 28, 1892, the son of Rt. Rev. Samuel and Grace (Harmon) Edsall.

Rt. Rev. Samuel Edsall was born at Dixon, Illinois, March 4, 1860. He was the founder of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Chicago in 1888, and in the following year he was made bishop of North Dakota, where he served for three years. His next appointment was in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1902, as Bishop of Minnesota, and he remained in that capacity until the time of his death in 1917. He is buried at Dixon, Illinois. Bishop Edsall was the son of James Kirtland Edsall, eminent attorney, who served as attorney general of the State of Illinois from 1872 until 1880. He also was a prominent member of the Chicago bar at the time of his death in 1892. He is buried at Dixon, Illinois. During his early

career as a lawyer, the Hon. James K. Edsall was active in the early disturbances in that section prior to the admission of Kansas as a state. At that time he was located at Leavenworth, Kansas.

In 1888 Rev. Samuel Edsall married Miss Grace Harmon, the daughter of Edwin R. Harmon, a merchant of Chicago. They were the parents of three children, of whom Samuel Harmon, the subject of this sketch, was the youngest.

The early education of Samuel Harmon Edsall was received in the public schools of North Dakota and Minnesota, and in 1911 he was graduated from Shattuck Military School, at Faribault, Minnesota. He then entered Trinity College, at Hartford, Connecticut, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1915. He entered Seabury Divinity School at Faribault, Minnesota, and graduated from that institution in 1917. Mr. Edsall volunteered for service in the World War and was sent to the Great Lakes Training Station to attend the naval officers' school, but the armistice was signed before he received a commission. He took graduate work in 1919 at Trinity College and received the degree of Master of Arts. In that year he received the appointment of pastor of St. Andrew's Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and remained there for one year. He next was curate under Dr. Ernest Miel, at Trinity Church, Hartford, Connecticut, and was located there for two years. Mr. Edsall came to Geneva as rector of Trinity Church following that period of service in Hartford.

On July 3, 1922, Mr. Edsall married Marjorie (Root) Gillett, the widow of Robert Swift Gillett, who was killed while in service during the World War. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Root, of Providence, Rhode Island. To Rev. Samuel Harmon and Marjorie (Root) Edsall have been born two sons: 1. Samuel Cook, born April 22, 1923. 2. John Stafford, born September 1, 1924, died November 17, 1928.

Mr. Edsall is a Republican, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, being a Knight Templar and member of the Damascus Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Rochester. He also belongs to the



University Club, Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, Medusa Club, and Geneva Country Club.

As a college student, Mr. Edsall took a prominent part in college athletics and was a member of the varsity tennis team, as well as intercollegiate tennis champion. He also was a track star.

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**Frederick William Yells.**—Owner of the F. W. Yells & Son funeral directors, Mr. Yells is recognized as one of the dependable and progressive business men of Geneva. He was born at Waterloo, New York, April 15, 1876, the son of William Thomas and Elizabeth (Harris) Yells.

William Thomas Yells was born in northern Wales, May 9, 1852, and died April 10, 1926. He is buried in Maple Grove Cemetery, Waterloo. Mr. Yells had settled at Waterloo with his parents in 1856. Throughout his life he was a stationary engineer. He was married in 1872 to Miss Elizabeth Harris, the daughter of Benjamin and Ann (Ashmore) Harris, who were natives of England and early settlers of Waterloo. Elizabeth (Harris) Yells died November 15, 1928, and is buried with her husband in Waterloo. They had six children.

Frederick William Yells was educated in the public schools of Waterloo, being a graduate of the high school there in 1895. He spent the following four years in the employ of S. J. Genung & Son, undertakers of Waterloo, where he gained a thorough knowledge of the business. In 1898 he also studied embalming at the Elmira School of Embalming, and became a licensed embalmer in that year. In 1898, in partnership with his brother, John Edward Yells, he purchased the undertaking establishment at Phelps, with which they were identified for a period of ten years. They also maintained a branch at Clifton Springs, New York. In 1908 they took over the business interests of Percy L. Lerch, of Geneva, who had succeeded to the business of his grandfather, William C. Barber. The business, located at 408 Main Street, has been the site of a funeral home for more than a century. Upon the death of John Edward Yells on January 1, 1922, the partner-

ship of Yells Brothers was dissolved. The son of Frederick W. Yells, Gordon W., is now associated with his father as a member of the firm.

On October 5, 1898, Mr. Yells married Miss Estella Malinda Strayer, daughter of Edward and Lucinda (Schott) Strayer. Mr. Strayer, a farmer, lives near Fayette, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Yells have only one child, Gordon William, born May 1, 1900. He is a graduate of Geneva High School, class of 1918, and the Simmons School of Embalming, at Syracuse, being a licensed embalmer. He was married in 1924 to Miss Ethel Mott, the daughter of George Mott, of Phelps, New York. They have a son, Frederick Mott Yells.

Mr. Yells has always been a Republican in politics and served as alderman from 1910 until 1918. His son was elected to the same office in 1931. Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Yells hold membership in Trinity Episcopal Church, and he belongs to the Ark Lodge No. 33, F. and A. M., B. P. O. Elks, No. 1054, Geneva Rod and Gun Club, Hydrant Hose Company, Chamber of Commerce and New York State Embalmers Association.

In 1918 Mr. Yells obtained a patent on a hearse loading attachment, which is in use throughout this section.

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**Leland Alonson Colton.**—As president and manager of the Seneca Kraut & Pickling Company, with headquarters in Geneva, Mr. Colton is recognized as one of the most successful business men of Ontario County. He was born at Skaneateles, New York, July 23, 1877, the son of David and Mary A. (Mason) Colton.

David Colton was also a native of New York, born at Skaneateles, January 16, 1854. He was interested in general farming until his retirement in 1898. Mr. Colton was married in 1873 to Miss Mary A. Mason, daughter of John Leland Mason, a native of New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Colton were born two children. She died in 1924 and is buried at Skaneateles.

Leland Alonson Colton received his early education in the public schools of Skaneateles and was graduated from the high



school there in 1895. He then entered Cornell University, from which he received the degree of LL. B. in 1899. Mr. Colton never took the bar examination, however, but immediately became interested in business as the founder of the Skaneateles Kraut Company. In 1903 he went to Bellevue, Ohio, and organized the Bellevue Kraut & Pickling Company. After a year he sold the latter enterprise and returned to New York, and at that time purchased a fourth interest in the Seneca Kraut & Pickling Company, of which he became secretary and manager. He was in charge of the company's plant in Waterloo, New York, and in 1907 built a branch plant and factory at Phelps. Another plant at Lyons, New York, was built by the company in 1910 and Mr. Colton continued as secretary of the company. In 1922 he sold a half interest in the Lyons plant, which is now being operated as the Castle Company. In 1917 Mr. Colton had purchased an additional half interest in the Seneca Kraut & Pickling Company, which had been owned by Dillman Bros., and in 1925 he purchased the remainder of the stock in the company and thus became sole owner. Other plants were erected at Geneva and Leet, New York, in 1929, and at the present time Mr. Colton operates factories at Geneva, Phelps, Waterloo and Leets.

On December 7, 1910, Mr. Colton was united in marriage with Miss Blanche E. Mills, the daughter of William H. Mills, of Norwalk, Ohio. They have a daughter, Nancy Lee, born January 2, 1920.

Mr. Colton is a Republican, and he and his family are active members of Trinity Episcopal Church. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, being a Knight Templar and member of Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Rochester. He is also Past Exalted ruler of B. P. O. Elks, No. 1054, Geneva Lodge, and holds membership in the Rotary Club, Geneva Country Club, Geneva Rod & Gun Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Colton finds his chief recreation in the management of two fine farms, which he owns and operates. They contain 325 acres of well improved land and are located on Castle Road, near Geneva. He is especially interested in dairying and has a herd of pure bred Holstein cattle, which numbers seventy head. Prod-

ucts from the farms are marketed through the Geneva Milk Company.

The Colton residence in Geneva is located at 574 Main Street, and is one of the city's attractive homes. It was built more than a century ago and is of Colonial architecture and of brick construction.

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**Philip J. Stanion.**—Identified with the Stanion Lumber Company, Philip J. Stanion is recognized as one of the able young business men of Ithaca, and is a veteran of the World War. He was born in this city, August 12, 1888, the son of Charles B. and Fannie M. (Osborne) Stanion.

Charles B. Stanion is a native of Hartford, Connecticut. He has lived at Ithaca since his early boyhood and has been interested in the real estate business here since 1890, being prominently identified with the business interests of the city. Mr. Stanion is a Republican and holds membership in the Episcopal Church. His wife is a native of Ithaca. They have two children: 1. Margaret S., married Floyd M. Darling, lives at Eastville, Virginia. 2. Philip J., the subject of this sketch.

Philip J. Stanion grew up in Ithaca and attended the grade and high schools, from which he was graduated in 1912. He attended Cornell University for one year and from 1913 until 1917 was identified with the real estate interests of his father. In September, 1917, he enlisted in the U. S. Army for service in the World War and was sent to Camp Dix, later to Camp Belvoir between Washington, D. C., and Mount Vernon, Virginia, and Fort Myers, and on January 2, 1918, sailed for overseas duty. He participated in numerous engagements of the war and was honorably discharged from the service February 17, 1919. Mr. Stanion then spent a year in Oregon and upon his return to Ithaca became interested in the retail lumber business in partnership with Carl S. Vorhis. The firm of Vorhis & Stanion continued for three years and has since been operated as the Stanion Lumber Company. Mr. Stanion also deals in building supplies as well as lumber.





PHILIP J. STANION





In 1923 Mr. Stanion married Miss Beulah Daughirtai, of Schenectady, New York, the daughter of Robert C. and Eva (Swatling) Daughirtai. He was born at Andover, Massachusetts, and she was born at Cohoes, New York, and they reside at Trumansburg. At the time of his retirement in 1928 Mr. Daughirtai had spent twenty-five years in the service of the General Electric Company at Schenectady. He is a member of the Baptist Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Stanion are the parents of four children: 1. Marjorie L., born April 11, 1924. 2. Ruth L., born June 6, 1925. 3. Philip J., Jr., born November 24, 1929. 4. Rosalie May, born January 25, 1932.

Mr. Stanion is a member of the Baptist Church and belongs to Hobasco Lodge, No. 716, F. and A. M., and American Legion. He also is identified with the Northeastern Lumber Association.

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**William Gordon Warr.**—In the field of Y. M. C. A. work, William Gordon Warr, who is general secretary of the Geneva district, has attained an enviable record in achievement. He was born at Saginaw, Michigan, December 31, 1889, the son of Samuel and Louisa Mary (Whiteley) Warr.

Samuel Warr was born in Birmingham, England, December 25, 1863, and throughout his life was interested in Y. M. C. A. work. He came to the United States in 1887 and became especially interested in the railroad work of the organization, which took him throughout the United States. He was widely known as a Bible student and teacher and his success was recognized internationally. Mr. Warr died August 9, 1928, in Jerusalem. His marriage to Miss Louisa Mary Whiteley, daughter of Joseph F. Whiteley, of Sheffield, England, occurred on October 11, 1888. They were the parents of four children, of whom William Gordon, the subject of this sketch, was the oldest. Louisa Mary (Whiteley) Warr died June 7, 1926, and is buried in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

William Gordon Warr attended the public schools of Texas and Arkansas. He did Y. M. C. A. work at Douglass, Arizona, serving with the United States Regular Army troops and the Red Cross

during the first Mexican insurrection at Aqua Prieta, Province of Sonora, for almost three years and then located in Chicago, where he devoted four years of study in the Y. M. C. A. College, being a member of the class of 1914. Mr. Warr was sent to Burlington, Iowa, in charge of the boys' department for three and one-half years, and from there went to Toledo, Ohio, as city boys' secretary in the Y. M. C. A. During the World War he was located in the latter city and did much commendable work in the way of conservation. In July, 1919, he went to Utica, New York, as city boys' secretary, and continued there until September, 1922, at which time Mr. Warr came to Geneva. A history of the Geneva Y. M. C. A. appears in the general history of this work. Mr. Warr was the founder in 1917 of Camp Storer, the Toledo, Ohio, Y. M. C. A. Camp near Napoleon, Michigan, and it is recognized now as one of the most successful camps of the central west.

On October 21, 1914, Mr. Warr was united in marriage with Miss Versa Edna Gregory, daughter of George Gregory, of Malden, Missouri. He is deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Warr have been born three children: 1. Samuel Gregory, born August 27, 1915, a graduate of Geneva High School, class of 1933. 2. William Gordon, Jr., born May 4, 1917. 3. Versa Louisa, born August 3, 1927.

Mr. Warr is a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for four years has been Sunday school teacher of the college group. He is a member of the Rotary Club and Phi Lambda fraternity. He also is interested in Boy Scout work and is a member of the local organization. Politically, Mr. Warr is a Republican.

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**William Louis Vogt.**—Active in the business life of Geneva as senior member of the firm of Wm. L. Vogt & Sons, building contractors, and dealers in coal and builders' supplies, Mr. Vogt has been numbered among the community's successful men for thirty years. He was born in this city, April 18, 1875, the son of John Augustus and Emma (Weistoff) Vogt.

John Augustus Vogt was a native of Germany, born April 1, 1841. He came to this country in 1865 and settled near Geneva,



where he was interested in general farming for many years. He died May 6, 1929, and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva. In 1862 Mr. Vogt married Miss Emma Weistoff in Germany. They were the parents of nine children. Mrs. Vogt died May 3, 1928, and is buried in Geneva.

At the age of sixteen years William Louis Vogt left school to assist his father in farming and five years later he came to Geneva to learn the carpenter trade, being employed during the following six years by various contractors in the city. In 1902 Mr. Vogt established a business of his own and during his career as a builder he has erected more than 300 of the fine residences in the city and vicinity. It was in 1922 that a coal and builders' supply business was begun by Mr. Vogt. Offices and yards are maintained at 124 North Genesee Street.

On March 30, 1898, Mr. Vogt was united in marriage with Miss Hattie Pauline Schnirel, the daughter of Rudolph Schnirel, building contractor of Geneva. To Mr. and Mrs. Vogt were born three children: 1. Harold William, born June 1, 1899, a graduate of Geneva High School and Hobart College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1922. He is past master of Ark Lodge, No. 33, F. and A. M., Geneva Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M., and Geneva Commandery, No. 29, K. T. He married Miss Verna Gross and they have two children: Harold William and Patricia Irene. 2. Paul Edward, born May 13, 1905, a graduate of Geneva High School and Hobart College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1927. He is Senior Warden of Ark Lodge, No. 33, F. and A. M., Geneva Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M., and Geneva Commandery, No. 29, K. T. 3. Harriet Pauline, born October 22, 1915, attends Geneva High School. Both sons are associated in business with their father in Geneva.

Mr. Vogt has always been a Republican. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and trustee for many years, and his lodge and club affiliations are: Ark Lodge, No. 33, F. and A. M.; Geneva Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M.; Geneva Commandery, No. 29, K. T., and member of Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Rochester; the Shrine Club of Geneva; B. P. O. Elks, No. 1054, Geneva; Rotary Club, and Geneva Rod and Gun Club. He is president of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Temple, Inc.

**Charles Frederick Barth**, plumbing and heating contractor, has been actively engaged in business in Geneva for almost thirty-five years. He is a native of New York State, born at Lancaster, June 23, 1870, the son of John and Mary (Eichelberger) Barth.

John Barth was born in Germany in 1811 and about 1831 emigrated to the United States and settled on a farm in Lancaster, New York. He became a successful farmer and was living there at the time of his death in 1877. His wife died in 1876. Both are buried in Lutheran Cemetery, Lancaster. She was also a native of Germany. To Mr. and Mrs. Barth were born nine children, of whom Charles Frederick, subject of this sketch, was the youngest.

Charles Frederick Barth attended the district schools and during high school was a student in Buffalo, New York. He then learned the trade of plumber in that city and served for three years as a journeyman plumber. In 1897 he located in Geneva in the employ of Emig & Hatmaker, plumbing and heating contractors. Upon the death of Mr. Hatmaker in 1917, Mr. Barth became a partner of Adam Emig, and the firm of Emig & Barth continued until August, 1924, at which time Mr. Emig died. His son, Howard Emig, succeeded him in the business and retained the original firm name. In July, 1931, however, Mr. Barth became sole owner of the enterprise. The following important contracts in plumbing and heating have been completed by Mr. Barth during his career in business in Geneva: William Smith College, Geneva Post Office, Y. M. C. A., the biology building of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. He is a member of the New York State Association of Master Plumbers, and Heating & Piping Contractors National Association.

On July 29, 1899, Mr. Barth married Miss Jennie Josephine Sutton, the daughter of David Sutton, of Geneva, who died in 1897. To them were born four children: 1. Gertrude, born in October, 1900, a graduate of Geneva High School, and University of Rochester, where she specialized in dental hygiene. She is now a dental hygienist at Grassland Hospital, near White Plains, New York. 2. Florence, born in 1907, a graduate of Geneva High School and William Smith College, Geneva. She is the wife of Ralph Engest, who is associated in business with Mr. Barth in



Geneva. 3. Kathryn, born in 1910, a graduate of Geneva High School, now a student nurse at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York. 4. Charles S., born July 10, 1915, attends Geneva High School.

Mr. Barth is a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Rotary Club, and Chamber of Commerce. Politically, he is a Republican.

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**Arthur Robert Page**, electrical contractor, is one of the progressive business men of Geneva. He was born at Phelps, New York, July 20, 1877, the son of Marvin John and Emma (Van Duser) Page.

Marvin John Page was a native of Phelps, born in 1850. For many years he was a passenger conductor on the New York Central Railroad, and later traveled as the representative of a hardware firm. He died in 1906 and is buried at Newark, New York. Mr. Page was married in 1874 to Miss Emma VanDuser, daughter of Robert and Phoebe (Rose) VanDuser, of Phelps. She died in 1893 and is buried in Newark, New York. To them were born two sons: 1. Frank John, born October 17, 1875, identified with the Bloomer Bros. Paper Company, of Newark, New York. He has six children. 2. Arthur Robert, the subject of this sketch.

Arthur Robert Page was educated in the public schools at Phelps, Newark and Buffalo. He also is a graduate of Bryant & Strattons Business College, of Buffalo, class of 1895. Mr. Page was employed by the Bell Telephone Company as a lineman for two years, and then enlisted in the United States Navy as a seaman. He saw service during the Spanish-American War and was injured while in the service. After his discharge Mr. Page re-entered the employ of the Bell Telephone Company for a year, and then spent eight years in the service of the Gould Manufacturing Company, of Seneca Falls, New York, as maintenance engineer. In 1908 he accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Wheeler Green Electric Company, of Rochester, and five years later located in Geneva as president of the Hammer Beach

Electric Company. In 1916 Mr. Page returned to his former position in Rochester, and was later identified with the Rochester Electric Supply Company. In 1921 he established a business of his own in Geneva, with headquarters now at 28 Linden Street.

Mr. Page was married February 14, 1900, to Miss Edna May Fiero, the daughter of Oliver and Josephine Fiero, of Geneva. They have no children.

Politically, Mr. Page is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is Past Master of Ark Lodge, No. 33, F. and A. M., as well as a member of B. P. O. Elks, No. 1054, Rotary Club, United Spanish War Veterans and New York State Builders Association.

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**Franklin Ernest Fairfax.**—As president and treasurer of the Fairfax Bros. Company, Inc., and the Fairfax Realty Corporation, of Geneva, Franklin Ernest Fairfax has long been identified with the business interests of the city, and is recognized as a leader in the civic life of the community. He was born in this city, October 26, 1866, the son of George Henry and Elizabeth (Dunn) Fairfax.

George Henry Fairfax was born in England, May 2, 1824, and at the age of two years was brought to the United States by his parents, George and Rose Anne (Milner) Fairfax. They settled first at Montreal, Canada, and the father engaged in the operation of a packet boat on the St. Lawrence River for many years. Later, he located at Buffalo, New York, where he died in 1855. He is buried in Geneva. George Henry Fairfax grew up in Canada and in 1842 shipped from New Bedford, Connecticut, on a whaling vessel. Six years later he came to Geneva, and in 1862 he established a wall paper and paint business. He was married in 1853 to Miss Elizabeth Dunn, daughter of Thomas Dunn, of Geneva. To them were born the following children: 1. Thomas Henry, born August 4, 1855, lives at Superior, Wisconsin, where he is interested in the real estate business. 2. Willis Theodore, born in 1857, died December 31, 1929, was a well known building



contractor. 3. George Sidney, born May 4, 1859, died in 1925. He was president of the Fairfax Bros. Company, Inc. 4. Charles Washington, born December 2, 1862, died September 11, 1928, was also associated during his entire business career with Fairfax Bros. Company, Inc. He was a veteran of the World War, and held the rank of Major at the time of his discharge. 5. Franklin Ernest, the subject of this sketch. 6. Mabel, born in 1869, died in 1874. 7. One child died in infancy. George Henry Fairfax died November 18, 1920, his first wife having died July 13, 1873. Both are buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva. George Henry Fairfax was married the second time to Mrs. Emma (Persons) Bartlett, of Geneva, New York, and one son was born, Alfred, born in 1876, resides in Boston, Massachusetts. He is in the decorating business. Mrs. Fairfax died in 1924 and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva.

Franklin Ernest Fairfax received his early education in the Geneva public schools and in 1884 entered the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. However, in June, 1885, he resigned on account of ill health and returned to Geneva, where he immediately became associated with his father's wall paper and paint business. In 1891 he became a partner in the business and was associated with his brothers, George S. and Charles W., the latter two having purchased the father's interests in the enterprise. The business was incorporated in 1913 and it has continued as one of the city's most successful industrial plants. In 1895 the Fairfax Brothers also organized the Geneva Wall Paper Company, which continued in operation until 1913 when the plant was totally destroyed by fire. In the latter year they were founders of the Fairfax Realty Corporation, which was organized for the purpose of managing real estate holdings of the brothers, property being owned by them west of Linden Street, as well as a block of four stores on the north side of Seneca Street in Geneva.

In 1887 he enlisted in Company B, Provisional Regiment, New York National Guard, and served for eleven years. He was honorably discharged as a sergeant.

Mr. Fairfax was married March 4, 1897, to Miss Caroline A. Crittenden, the daughter of Immer W. and Martha (Catchpole)

Crittenden, of Geneva. They are the parents of the following children: 1. Charles Crittenden, born December 8, 1898, a graduate of Cornell University, class of 1921, mechanical engineer, now associated with the Stecher Lithographing Company, of Rochester, New York. He is a World War veteran and holds a commission as a lieutenant in the United States Reserve Corps, Coast Artillery. 2. Thomas Russell, born April 4, 1901, a graduate of Geneva High School, attended Cornell University for two years, now secretary of Fairfax Bros. Company, Inc. He is married and has a daughter, Elizabeth Jean. 3. George Henry, born March 17, 1907, a graduate of Colgate University, class of 1930, Bachelor of Arts, now associated with Fairfax Bros. Company, Inc. 4. Kenneth Tyne, born December 20, 1909, a graduate of Cornell University, class of 1931, Bachelor of Arts, now attends Cornell Medical Center, New York City.

Mr. Fairfax is a Republican, and is affiliated with Geneva Lodge of Elks, Kiwanis Club, Isaac Walton League, Y. M. C. A., Geneva Rod and Gun Club, The Hydrant Hose Company since 1886 and the Tribe of Kashong. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been treasurer of the board of trustees for twenty years, and his wife is an active member of the First Baptist Church. They live at 137 Maxwell Avenue.

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**Geneva General Hospital.**—The first formal step toward providing a hospital for Geneva was taken on March 25, 1892, when the institution was incorporated under the name of the Medical & Surgical Hospital, of Geneva. In the same year the late John V. Ditmars bequeathed \$12,000 to the institution. Hon. F. O. Mason and Arthur P. Rose gave the site. Many good people became interested and the town, so to speak, went to work to provide itself with a hospital. Six years later the ambition was realized when the hospital was formally opened on June 7, 1898, the name having previously been changed to that of the Geneva City Hospital. In 1901 Mrs. Ella Soverhill McBlain provided \$10,000 in





GENEVA GENERAL HOSPITAL, GENEVA, N. Y.





her will for a building for the treatment of contagious diseases, and this was later used for a maternity department. In 1901 a new laundry and central heating plant were built. In 1903 the west wing of the present structure was constructed and paid for by J. I. Maxwell and the legacy from the estate of the Hon. F. O. Mason, the cost being \$10,000. In 1911 the second floor of the east wing was added. In the same year Mrs. Andrew H. Smith, without solicitation offered enough money to build a nurses' home, large enough to accommodate over twenty nurses. This was a memorial to her father, James O. Sheldon. In 1915 a new laundry and central heating plant were constructed and the old one renovated to accommodate the Young Memorial and Ontario County Laboratory. In 1918 Mrs. Anna Hogarth Young gave \$25,000 as an endowment for the pathological laboratory.

In 1923 Mr. Ieuan Harris presented the hospital with what is known as the "Harris Cottage." For a time this was used as a residence by the superintendent. In 1927 it was converted into a children's department in memory of Laura Houghton Harris and Madeline S. Chew, by Mr. Harris and Mr. Beverly Chew.

In October, 1929, the people of Geneva again took up the work so splendidly started in 1898 and a drive was put on to procure funds to enlarge the hospital. The hospital being in constant use, giving twenty-four hours service, was found too small and unable to keep up with the progress medical science had made. The splendid response of the people of Geneva and vicinity at that time will long be remembered. The new west wing of the institution, which furnishes additional accommodations for fifty-eight beds and in case of emergency 100 patients may be cared for. The new wing has also added new operating rooms, delivery rooms, x-ray and laboratory rooms, as well as kitchens, and nurses' dining rooms. Today the city of Geneva has one of the finest and most up-to-date hospitals to be found in the entire State of New York.

There is a training school for nurses in connection with the hospital, with a very fine educational department for the student nurses.

**Fred Alexander Payne**, who has successfully engaged in the insurance business at Geneva for the past 20 years, is recognized as one of the city's dependable citizens. He was born at Potter, Yates County, New York, March 31, 1863, the son of John Wesley and Maria (Sutherland) Payne.

John Wesley Payne was a prominent citizen of Yates County and a member of one of the first families of that section. He was born at Potter in 1824, the son of John Payne, who had come to Yates County from Connecticut in 1806. He made the trip by ox-cart and secured a tract of government land, which has continued as the Payne homestead until the present time. The Paynes were prosperous farmers, and John Wesley Payne served as justice of the peace for twenty years. He was married in 1853 to Miss Maria Sutherland, whose ancestors were of Scotch descent. Mr. Payne died in 1900 and his wife died six months later. Both are buried at Ovid, New York. They were the parents of six children, among whom were Fred Alexander, subject, and John, twin brothers.

Fred A. Payne received his early education in the district schools and for three years was a student at Penn Yan High School. He also spent a year at Penn Yan Normal School and for one term taught school in Nettle Valley. During the following twenty-seven years Mr. Payne successfully engaged in general farming and was especially interested in the breeding of pure Guernsey cattle. He was recognized as an authority in cattle judging and served at numerous fairs throughout the state. Since 1911 Mr. Payne has conducted an insurance business in Geneva and in 1930 became associated with Philip L. Maples, as a member of the firm of Payne & Maples, with offices at 50 Seneca Street. They write all types of insurance with the exception of life insurance.

On March 12, 1884, Mr. Payne was united in marriage with Miss Grace Bates, daughter of Solomon P. Bates, a successful farmer of Benton, Yates County, now deceased. To them were born three children: 1. Edgar S., born September 28, 1886, a graduate of Penn Yan Academy, farms the old Payne homestead in Yates County. He has five children. 2. Frank B., born June



21, 1891, a graduate of Penn Yan Academy, and Cazenovia Seminary and Barclay Business Institute. He is freight agent for the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Ithaca, New York. 3. Marjorie, born August 28, 1897, attended Geneva High School, married Leon S. Baker, of Geneva. She died in 1922 and is survived by two children. She is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva.

Mr. Payne is a Republican and an ardent Prohibitionist. He is a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on which he has served for twenty years, and he also belongs to the Maccabees and Kiwanis Club. While a resident of Potter, Mr. Payne served as a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church for a period of thirty-two years. He has always taken a keen interest in the civic life of his community and has a wide acquaintance.

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**Hammond Barker Tuttle.**—A member of one of the oldest families of the city of Geneva, Hammond Barker Tuttle has been prominent here as a photographer for more than a quarter of a century. He was born in Geneva, August 16, 1868, the son of Francis Marion and Eunice Jenner (Barker) Tuttle.

Francis Marion Tuttle was born at Geneva, the son of Joseph Hammond Tuttle, who came to this city during the early part of the eighteenth century. He built a stone residence opposite the Lafayette Inn in 1835, and there the family lived for many years. He was a successful merchant. His son, Francis Marion Tuttle, was a portrait artist, and was widely known for his work in oil. He was a deaf mute, as was his wife, Eunice Jenner (Barker) Tuttle, whom he married in 1865. She was the daughter of Benajah Barker, a farmer of Easton, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle were born two sons: 1. Hammond B., the subject of this sketch. 2. Percy Chase, who died at the age of fifteen years. Mr. Tuttle died in 1916 and his wife died in 1919. Both are buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva.

Hammond Barker Tuttle grew up in Geneva and in 1886 was graduated from the local high school. He then entered the employ

of the Chase Nursery Company as cashier and bookkeeper, and remained in that capacity for a period of twenty years. In 1906 Mr. Tuttle opened a photographic studio, after having been interested for many years in that profession in an amateur way. He does both portrait and commercial work and is located at 16 Seneca Street. He has maintained that location ever since he has been in business, although his studio has suffered serious loss and damage through fire on five different occasions. For ten years Mr. Tuttle has been official photographer for the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, and he himself has been interested in conservation work as pertains to fish and game.

On December 20, 1894, Mr. Tuttle was united in marriage with Miss Florence May Creque, daughter of Francis Creque, a native of New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle were born three children: 1. Percy Hammond, born September 18, 1895, a World War veteran, having served in France as a naval aviator. He is associated with the Associated Gas & Electric System. 2. Kenneth Chase, born November 26, 1896, a World War veteran, having also served in France with a bombing squadron. He is associated with the Associated Gas & Electric System. He is unmarried and lives at home. 3. Eunice Marion, born July 12, 1898, married Elmer C. Lautenslager, who is publicity and advertising manager of the Associated Gas & Electric System. They have two sons, Richard Earl and Robert. They also live in Geneva.

Mr. Tuttle is a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and he also belongs to the Isaac Walton League, Chamber of Commerce, and Geneva Rod & Gun Club.

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**Redmond Anthony Toole.**—Associated with Toole Brothers, shoe dealers, Redmond Anthony Toole ranks among Geneva's reliable and successful merchants. He was born in this city, January 1, 1880, the son of Richard and Mary (Welch) Toole.

Richard Toole was born in County Mayo, Ireland, in 1840 and his wife was also a native of Ireland. They were pioneer settlers of Geneva and Mr. Toole spent many years in the employ of the



New York Central Railroad Company. Both died in 1922 and are buried in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Geneva. Mr. and Mrs. Toole were the parents of eight children.

Redmond Anthony Toole received his education in the parochial schools of Geneva and also is a graduate of Mackey's Business College. For eight years he was employed by Phillips & Clark, stove manufacturers, later known as the Andes Furnace Company. Mr. Toole also spent three years in the service of the State Highway Department and for two years was a surveyor with the Rochester-Syracuse & Eastern Electric Railroad. In 1910 he became interested in the retail shoe business in Geneva in partnership with his brother, Patrick D. Toole, their store being located at 508 Exchange Street. They are local dealers for the Florsheim and Wilbur Coon shoes.

Mr. Toole is a Democrat, a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Royal Arcanum and the Nester Hose Company. He is unmarried and lives with his brother and three unmarried sisters at 19 West Avenue.

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**Frederick Adelbert Fuller**, who is station agent at Geneva for the Lehigh Valley Railroad, is well and favorably known in this city. He was born at Cuyler, Cortland County, New York, February 16, 1873, the son of Adelbert and Sarah (Porter) Fuller.

Adelbert Fuller was a native of New York, born at Union Valley, Cortland County, about 1833. In early life he was a farmer, later a merchant at Cuyler, and subsequently became agent for the Elmira, Cortland & Northern Railroad Company at Cuyler. That road was later taken over by the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Mr. Fuller was married in 1866 to Miss Sarah Porter, of Union Valley. They had three children. Mr. Fuller died in 1895 and is buried at Cortland. His widow resides at Cortland with her daughter, Mrs. Dana Chaffee.

Frederick Adelbert Fuller grew up at Cuyler and received his education in the public schools there. He left school when sixteen years of age and entered the services of the Elmira, Cortland &

Northern Railroad at Cuyler. He learned telegraphy and then was appointed station agent and operator at McConnellsville, New York. He was later transferred to Sylvan Junction, New York, for a time and then to South Bay on Oneida Lake. In 1902 he was made station agent and operator for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company at Elmira, where he remained for a period of seventeen years. In 1918 Mr. Fuller was transferred to Geneva as station agent.

Mr. Fuller was married November 19, 1902, to Miss Catherine Bruder, the daughter of George Bruder, hotel owner at South Bay, New York. Their only child, Gertrude, was born February 14, 1904. She is a graduate of Geneva High School and William Smith College, class of 1926. She lives at home. Catherine (Bruder) Fuller died in March, 1919, and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva. On June 2, 1932, he married Mrs. Florence White, of Seneca County, New York.

Mr. Fuller has always been a Republican. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge.

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**Foster Partridge Boswell, Ph. D.**—Brilliant achievement in educational affairs has marked the career of Doctor Boswell, who is professor of Philosophy and Psychology at Hobart College. He is a native of New York, born at Rochester, February 14, 1879, the son of Charles P. and Harriet (Oliver) Boswell.

Charles P. Boswell, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Potsdam, New York, July 10, 1839, and for many years was president of the Rochester Machine Screw Company. He died July 7, 1920, and is buried at Rochester. At the beginning of the Civil War he received the rank of first lieutenant of Company B, First New York Volunteer Infantry, and on January 11, 1862, was promoted to adjutant. He became captain of Company G, October 30, 1862, and was discharged from the service July 23, 1864. He participated in such important battles as Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Fort Anderson and Cold



Harbor. In the latter he was severely wounded and never completely recovered. Harriet (Oliver) Boswell died in January, 1912, and is buried in Rochester. She was the daughter of William S. Oliver, of Penn Yan, who for many years ranked as the leading attorney of that city. He also served as Chancellor of State and County Judge. The youngest of three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Boswell was Foster P., the subject of this sketch.

Foster Partridge Boswell received his early education in the public schools of Rochester, later attended Bradstreet College Preparatory School, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Hobart College in 1901. In the following year he received the degree of Master of Arts at Harvard University, and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1904. In the summers of 1905, 1906 and until the summer of 1907 he studied in Berlin, Leipzig and Freiburg, Germany. While a graduate student at Harvard University in 1903-4 Doctor Boswell was assistant instructor in philosophy and during 1904-5 was assistant instructor of psychology at the University of Wisconsin. While in Berlin during 1907 he was a voluntary assistant in the University, and during 1907-8 Doctor Boswell was assistant instructor in psychology at the University of Missouri. He came to Geneva as assistant professor of psychology and mathematics at Hobart College in 1908, from 1912 until 1923 was professor of psychology and education at the same institution, and since 1923 has been professor. He is the author of "Aims and Defects of College Education," published in 1915, as well as "A Primer of Greek Thought," published in 1923, and of a number of articles in American and foreign scientific and philosophical magazines.

On August 15, 1922, Doctor Boswell married Miss Elizabeth Clark Eaton, the daughter of Charles S. Eaton, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and grand niece of the late Mr. Lawrence Clark a prominent citizen of Geneva. They live at 859 Main Street, their home being located on the west bank of Seneca Lake.

Doctor and Mrs. Boswell are prominent members of Trinity Episcopal Church, of which he has been vestryman since 1927, and he is a member of Ark Lodge, F. & A. M., Sigma Phi and Phi Beta Kappa societies, Geneva Country Club, Rochester Coun-

try Club, and University Club. He also holds membership in the American Psychological Association and the American Philosophical Association, is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and belongs to the Society of Mayflower Descendants, and the American Legion. Doctor Boswell travels extensively.

In 1916 Doctor Boswell became a member of the training camp at Plattsburg, New York, attached to the Second Officers Training Class at Fort Niagara, New York, in 1917, and received the commission of first lieutenant in the Psychological Division of the Sanitary Corps, being on duty at Camp Greenleaf from March 19th until May 28, 1918. He was then detailed as psychological examiner at Camp Wadsworth from May 28th until December 20, 1918, being honorably discharged December 20th, 1918. He has held a commission in the Officers Reserve Corps for several years.

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**John Shea.**—Holding high rank in legal circles in Ontario County, John Shea is recognized as a leading attorney of Canandaigua. He is a native of New York, born at Fabius, Onondaga County, April 9, 1876, the son of Edmond and Anne (Quinlan) Shea.

Edmond Shea was a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, born November 1, 1834. Emigrating to the United States in September, 1852, he settled at Fabius, New York, where he was interested in dairying. He was married February 7, 1864, to Miss Anne Quinlan, also a native of Ireland. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom John, the subject of this sketch, was the eighth in order of birth. Mr. Shea died April 25, 1916, and his wife died August 3, 1912. Both are buried at Pompey, New York.

John Shea received his education in the district schools of Fabius and was graduated from Union School at McGraw, Cortland County. From 1894 until 1901 he taught school in several village districts of Onondaga and Cortland counties. He subse-



quently read law in the office of Judge Joseph E. Eggleston, of Cortland, and judge and surrogate of Cortland County. Mr. Shea was admitted to the bar, July 5, 1904, and immediately located in private practice at Syracuse. After a year he returned to Fabius and was located there for almost four years. Upon his return to Syracuse, Mr. Shea became associated in practice with his brother, E. F. Shea. In February, 1912, Mr. Shea was appointed transfer tax appraiser which office he successfully held for three years, and in February, 1915, he became identified with Hon. Clayton R. Lusk, a leading lawyer of Cortland, New York. In August, 1918, he came to Canandaigua and has since conducted a private practice in this city, with offices at 107 South Main Street.

Mr. Shea has always been a Democrat and has been active and prominent in the affairs of the party. For two years he was local counsel for the Democratic State Committee. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Canandaigua Council, No. 1445, being advocate of the local council during the past thirteen years. He is also interested in Boy Scout work in this section.

Mr. Shea is unmarried.

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**Andrew Mackenzie Johnston, D. D. S.**—One of the recognized successful young dental surgeons of Ontario County is Doctor Johnston, of Canandaigua. He was born in this city, May 20, 1892, the son of Andrew and Margaret (Mackenzie) Johnston.

Andrew Johnston was a native of Gretna Green, Scotland. As a young man he came to this country and located at Canandaigua, where he was a successful clothing merchant as a member of the firm of Leighton & Johnston. Mr. Johnston was married in April, 1891, to Miss Margaret Mackenzie, also a native of Scotland and the daughter of Alexander Mackenzie. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston was Andrew Mackenzie, the subject of this sketch. Andrew Johnston's death occurred January 4, 1892. The mother died in February, 1916. Both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Canandaigua.

After his graduation from the public schools of Canandaigua and Canadnaigua Academy in 1912, Andrew Mackenzie Johnston entered the employ of the Lisk Manufacturing Company for a period of three years. In 1915 he entered the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, but the following year became a student at the University of Buffalo, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1919. He became associated with Dr. I. L. Terry, a prominent dentist of Buffalo, and after a year located in Canandaigua in his present offices, 60 South Main Street.

Doctor Johnston is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Canandaigua Country Club, Canandaigua Sportsmen Club, and Exchange Club, of which he is a charter member and past president. During the World War Doctor Johnston served in the Students Army Training Corps at the University of Buffalo.

Doctor Johnston is unmarried.

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**Charles Willard Selover, M. D.**, of Canandaigua, has practiced medicine in Central New York since 1904, and he is superintendent of the Ontario County Tubercular Hospital and member of the staff of Thompson Memorial Hospital, Canandaigua. Doctor Selover was born at Elmira, Chemung County, New York, October 16, 1881, the son of Frank Eugene and Amelia J. (Hunt) Selover.

Frank Eugene Selover was a native of Steuben County, New York, born in 1859. He was the son of Dr. John R. Selover, who was born in 1824. The latter practiced dentistry for a number of years at Bath, New York, and when fifty years of age took up the study of medicine and was graduated from the University of Buffalo in 1874. He practiced his profession at Bath until 1892, when he removed to Trumansburg, New York. He died in 1911 and is buried at Trumansburg, New York. Members of this family were among the first settlers of Tompkins County and descendants now live at Cortland and Trumansburg. Frank Eugene Selover was a jeweler and owned and operated numerous branch stores in Cen-



tral New York. He died in 1910 and is buried at Trumansburg. He was married in 1880 to Miss Amelia J. Hunt, daughter of Charles D. Hunt, of Elmira, New York. Their only child was Charles Willard, subject of this sketch.

Charles Willard Selover attended the public schools of Trumansburg, from which he was graduated in 1899. He then entered the Medical School of the University of Buffalo, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1904. Doctor Selover served as interne in the German Deaconess Hospital, Buffalo, for one year and then opened a private office at Stanley, New York, where he was prominent as a physician and surgeon until June, 1917. At that time he volunteered for service in the World War and received the commission of first lieutenant in the United States Army, Medical Corps, and served at Fort Benjamin Harrison and was commissioned a captain in August, 1917, and in September, 1917, he was commissioned major. He served as camp surgeon at Camp Alexander, Newport News, Virginia, throughout the war period and was discharged March 12, 1919. He now holds the rank of major, Medical Reserve Corps, and is a member of the American Legion.

In April, 1919, Doctor Selover located at Canandaigua, where he has since specialized in the treatment of tuberculosis. He is identified with the Canandaigua City Medical Society, Ontario County Medical Society, New York State Medical Society, American Medical Association, National Tuberculosis Association, and International Union Against Tuberculosis.

On August 16, 1905, Doctor Selover was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Carson Hill, the daughter of Charles D. Hill, deceased. They are the parents of two children: 1. Margaret Eugenia, born June 19, 1906, a graduate of Canandaigua Academy, class of 1924, and Mt. Holyoke College, class of 1929, degree of Bachelor of Arts. She then studied nursing at the Presbyterian Hospital Nursing School, New York City, from which she was graduated in 1932. At the present time Miss Selover is a supervisor at the same institution. 2. Charles Willard, Jr., born August 6, 1907, attended Hargrave Military School at Chatham, Virginia, and Williston Academy, at East Hampton, Massachusetts, class of

1929. He is now engaged in business at Canandaigua. He married Kathleen Marseilles of Toronto, Canada. His wife is private secretary to Doctor Selover.

Doctor Selover has always been a Republican. He holds membership in St. John's Episcopal Church, of Canandaigua, and is affiliated with the Ark Lodge No. 33, F. & A. M., Geneva Chapter No. 36, R. A. M., Red Jacket Commandery, K. T., and Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Rochester, New York, Rotary Club, Rochester Club, Canandaigua Country Club, and Phi Rho Sigma medical fraternity. The family lives at Canandaigua and also has a summer home on Canandaigua Lake.

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**George Leonard Boyce.**—Numbered among the progressive and highly successful business men of Canandaigua is George Leonard Boyce, widely known dealer in hay, grain and produce, with offices at 37 Niagara Street. He was born in Canandaigua, New York, September 7, 1886, the son of Elias Henry and Sylvia M. (Devoe) Boyce.

Elias Henry Boyce, deceased, was for many years a prominent figure in the business life of Canandaigua. He was born at Wilton, Saratoga County, New York, June 9, 1851, the son of Leonard Boyce, who was born at Saratoga Springs in 1817. The latter died April 1, 1895, and is buried at Saratoga Springs. He married Miss Mary Houston, who was born June 10, 1816, and died in June, 1866. To Leonard and Mary (Houston) Boyce were born two sons: Chester A. and Elias Henry. In 1875 Elias Henry Boyce came to Canandaigua and the following year he became associated in the hay, grain and produce business, with his brother, Chester A. Boyce. The firm continued as Boyce Brothers and in 1891 leased the Canandaigua elevator and warehouse, which had a capacity of 18,000 bushels. This business continued as the leading enterprise of its type in Ontario County until 1921, at which time Chester A. Boyce retired. He died two years later and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Canandaigua. In 1921 the son of Elias Henry Boyce became a partner and the company continued



as Boyce Brothers Company until February 8, 1932, at which time the senior member of the firm, Elias Henry Boyce, died. He is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Canandaigua. Elias H. Boyce was married March 27, 1878, to Miss Sylvania M. Devoe, of Saratoga Springs, New York. To them were born two children: 1. Florence L., born April 17, 1879, married John C. Scott, shoe merchant, of Canandaigua. They have a daughter, Sylvia, who married Edwin Booth of Plainfield, New Jersey. 2. George Leonard, the subject of this sketch. Sylvania M. (Devoe) Boyce died March 19, 1932, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The first members of the Boyce family to come to this country from England settled in Vermont about 1815 and were farmers.

George Leonard Boyce obtained his education in the public schools of Canandaigua and spent two years at Gooding School for Boys. In 1904 he became a partner in the shoe business with his brother-in-law, John C. Scott, and the firm continued for nine years. He disposed of his interest in 1913 and at that time became associated with his father and uncle in the wholesale hay, grain and produce business. As mentioned above, he succeeded his uncle in 1921 as a member of the firm and since the death of his father in 1932 Mr. Boyce has conducted the enterprise alone.

Mr. Boyce was married (first) on June 21, 1906, to Miss Lydia M. Rose, the daughter of Jared and Sarah Rose. To them were born three children: 1. Ruth S., born April 15, 1909, married Owen S. Riffle, lives at Canandaigua. 2. George Henry, born July 10, 1911, a graduate of Canandaigua Academy, class of 1930, commercial photographer, lives at Canandaigua. 3. Chester Edgar, born October 29, 1912, a student. Lydia M. (Rose) Boyce died July 10, 1929, and is buried at Farmington, New York. Mr. Boyce married (second) on May 29, 1930, to Miss Edith D. Morris, daughter of Frank L. Morris, of Warsaw, New York.

Mr. Boyce has always been a Republican. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of the Mutual Hook and Ladder Company. As a breeder of Cocker spaniels, Mr. Boyce has been known throughout Central New York as a kennel man for the past twenty years, although he has never entered his dogs in the local shows.

**Joseph Cooper**, deceased, was recognized as one of the substantial and highly esteemed citizens of Ontario County, and for a number of years served as postmaster of Stanley. He was born near London, England, April 21, 1862, the son of Frederick and Rebecca Cooper.

Frederick Cooper was an early settler of Wayne County, New York, having come to this country from England in 1863. He was a farmer and about 1870 removed to Stanley, Ontario County, where for a number of years he conducted a tile manufacturing business. At the time of his death he was living at Seneca Castle. There were five children in the Cooper family, of whom Joseph, the subject of this sketch, was the oldest.

The first birthday of Joseph Cooper was celebrated while en route to the United States from England. He later attended the public schools of Stanley and Seneca Castle, and as a young man learned the trade of shoemaker. He located at Stanley about 1906 and served as postmaster there from 1921 until the time of his death, February 27, 1926. Mr. Cooper is buried in No. 9 Cemetery, Ontario County. He was married in 1892 to Miss Jennie Hutchinson, the daughter of James and Martha Hutchinson, prominent farmers of Ontario County, who lived at Seneca.

To Joseph and Jennie (Hutchinson) Cooper were born three sons: 1. James Frederick, born August 28, 1894, educated in the public schools of Stanley and Penn Yan, and for seven years employed in a clerical capacity with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He was then associated in the grocery business at Stanley with his brother, Floyd T. Cooper. Upon the death of his father in 1926, James F. Cooper assumed the duties of postmaster of Stanley and still serves in that capacity. He is married and has two children, Joseph Edward and Carol Nancy. 2. Floyd T., born May 16, 1896, educated in the public schools of Stanley and Penn Yan, also employed for several years in the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He now is owner of a grocery establishment at Stanley, having purchased his brother's interest in the business in 1926. He is a World War veteran. 3. Harold Joseph, born August 15, 1906, educated in the public schools of Stanley and Geneva, now identified with the Eastman Kodak Corporation, at Rochester, New York.



Mr. Cooper was a lifelong Republican and for many years served as school tax collector. He was an active member of No. 9 Presbyterian Church, of which he was trustee.

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**John Henry Coon.**—Among the well known and highly esteemed citizens of Ontario County is John Henry Coon, who lives retired at Stanley. He was born in Columbia County, New York, September 22, 1855, the son of Isaac and Almira (Becker) Coon.

Isaac Coon was a native of Rensselaerville, New York, born May 20, 1824. Throughout his life he was interested in general farming. He died June 29, 1904. He was married September 28, 1850, to Miss Almira Becker, daughter of John P. Becker, also natives of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Coon were the parents of five children.

The boyhood of John Henry Coon was spent on his father's farm and he attended the district schools. He also is a graduate of Hudson Academy, and taught school in Columbia County for several years. In 1879 he located in Yates County as a teacher and remained there until 1887, at which time he settled at Gorham, Ontario County. Three years later he came to Stanley and in 1890 purchased an interest in the general mercantile establishment of Charles D. Hill, which was continued for seven years under the firm name of Hill & Coon. At the expiration of that time Mr. Coon disposed of his interest in the business and opened a retail meat business at Stanley. He retired from active business in 1913 and in that year accepted the appointment of postmaster of Stanley, in which capacity he served until 1922.

Mr. Coon was married December 22, 1887, to Miss Martha Carson, the daughter of James M. and Margaret (Grove) Carson, natives of Seneca, Ontario County. The Carsons settled in this section in 1800 and there were eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. James M. Carson, all of whom are now deceased except Martha (Carson) Coon. To Mr. and Mrs. Coon were born two children: 1. Floyd T., born September 24, 1888, died in infancy. 2. Almira Margaret, born on September 9, 1898, a graduate of Penn Yan

Academy and Geneseo Normal School, class of 1917. She is a teacher in the public schools of Niagara Falls, New York.

In politics Mr. Coon has always been a Democrat. He and his wife are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church No. 9, and he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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**Claude Cobb Williamson, M. D.**—One of the representative professional men of Ontario County is Doctor Williamson, who has engaged in practice at Gorham since 1909. He was born at Phelps, New York, August 11, 1884, the son of James W. and Anna Estelle (Cobb) Williamson.

James W. Williamson was a native of Yates County, New York, born at Italy, January 29, 1859. He was a school teacher and farmer and died July 8, 1929. He is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Plainville, New York. Mr. Williamson was married December 27, 1882, to Miss Anna Estelle Cobb, daughter of Edwin D. and Sarah Ann (Peer) Cobb, of Phelps. To Mr. and Mrs. Williamson only one child was born, Claude Cobb, the subject of this sketch.

Claude Cobb Williamson obtained his early education in the public schools of Clifton Springs and was graduated from Clifton Springs High School in 1903. He then took up the study of medicine at the University of Buffalo, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1908. He served for eighteen months as interne at the U. S. Marine Hospital, Riverside Accident Hospital, of Buffalo, New York, and Park Avenue Hospital, Rochester, New York, and began his private practice at Gorham in March, 1909. He is an active member of the Ontario County Medical Society and the New York State Medical Society.

During the World War Doctor Williamson enlisted for service in 1918 and received the commission of first lieutenant in the Medical Corps, U. S. Army. He was discharged with the rank of captain, December 25, 1918, and now holds that commission in the Reserve Corps.

On July 3, 1905, Doctor Williamson was united in marriage with Miss Mary Theodora Hopkins, the daughter of Orville and



Elizabeth (Fraser) Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins is identified with the Marine Trust Company, of Buffalo, in an official capacity. Doctor and Mrs. Williamson have two children: 1. Horace James, born February 25, 1909, a graduate of Lafayette High School, Buffalo, and Cornell University, Bachelor of Science, class of 1932. 2. Marion Estella, born September 5, 1910, a graduate of Geneva High School, and the F. F. Thompson Hospital Training School for Nurses, at Canandaigua. She is now identified with that hospital in a professional capacity.

Doctor Williamson is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, American Legion and the Grange. He is Past Master of Rushville Lodge, F. & A. M., Knight Templar, member of Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Rochester, New York, and Past Monarch of Umarken Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., of Geneva.

Doctor Williamson is the owner of an 80-acre farm near Phelps, which is part of the original David Peer homestead of 1,000 acres. It has been owned by members of the Williamson family for more than a century and is among the interesting spots in this section.

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**Frank Eugene Whitney.**—A member of one of the oldest and most honored pioneer families of Ontario County, Frank Eugene Whitney is recognized as a substantial citizen of Seneca Castle, where he has served as assessor for a number of years. He was born in the town of Seneca, Ontario County, October 21, 1872, the son of Daniel H. and Martha (Van Gelder) Whitney.

Daniel H. Whitney was born in the town of Seneca, Ontario County, October 19, 1819, and died January 1, 1910. He is buried in Whitney Cemetery, Seneca Castle. He was the son of Cheeney and Olive (Colwell) Whitney. Cheeney Whitney was born at Seneca, April 21, 1795, and died in 1885. He was the son of Nathan Whitney, who was born at Conway, Massachusetts, October 18, 1761. The latter settled in Ontario County in 1792 and lived in the town of Seneca until his death, April 19, 1838. He was

a farmer throughout his life, as were all members of this pioneer family.

Daniel H. Whitney, father of the subject of this sketch, married Miss Martha Van Gelder, and they were the parents of four children, of whom Frank E. was the youngest.

Frank Eugene Whitney grew up in the town of Seneca and attended the public schools. At the age of seventeen years he left school to assist his father on the homestead. He continued as a farmer until 1905 and then located at Seneca Castle, where he has since engaged in business as a dealer in farm implements and machinery, plumbing and heating fixtures, and fertilizers.

On December 5, 1894, Mr. Whitney married Miss Clara J. Page, the daughter of Levi A. and Margaret (Benham) Page, of Seneca Castle. Their children are: 1. Maurice, born February 22, 1896, a graduate of Geneva High School and Syracuse University, class of 1918. He served in the U. S. Navy on transport duty during the World War, and is now associated with the Eclipse Machine Company, of Elmira, New York. He is married and has two sons, Roger K. and Hugh Hudson. 2. Harold H., born July 5, 1898, died December 24, 1914, buried in Whitney Cemetery. 3. Margaret J., born January 31, 1900, a graduate of Geneva High School and Syracuse University, class of 1922. She married William Hilligas, who is a professor at Cortland Normal School, and she is a member of the faculty of Cortland High School. 4. Harriet E., born March 24, 1908, a graduate of Geneva High School and Syracuse University, class of 1931. She is an art teacher in Oswego (New York) High School. 5. One child died in infancy.

Politically, Mr. Whitney is a Republican. In 1918 he was elected one of the assessors for the town of Seneca, Ontario County and has served continuously since that time. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Seneca Castle, of which he has been an elder for many years. He is also affiliated with Ark Lodge, No. 32, F. & A. M., and for thirty-eight years has been an active member of the Grange, being identified with the County, Pamona, New York State and National organizations. He also belongs to the New York State Fruit Testing Association.



**George Torrey Morey**, deceased, was for many years identified with newspaper work in Ontario County as the owner and editor of the "Naples News." He was born at Middlesex, New York, March 27, 1868, the son of Levi B. and Jennie N. (Smith) Morey.

Levi B. Morey was born at Nassau, New York, in 1840, and for a great many years was employed in the offices of the New York Customs Department in New York City. He was married in May, 1861, to Miss Jennie N. Smith, daughter of James Smith, of Middlesex. They were the parents of three children, of whom George Torrey, subject of this sketch, was the youngest.

George Torrey Morey attended the public schools of Middlesex, and was also a student in New York City. At the age of sixteen years he entered the offices of the Rural New Yorker and remained there until he was twenty-one years old. He then became associated with the New York Ledger, New York Times and the New York World as a reporter. Mr. Morey came to Naples in 1897 and two years later he purchased the "Naples News," which had been founded only a short time before. He continued his successful management and publication of the paper until the time of his death, May 27, 1931. Mr. Morey is buried in Rose Ridge Cemetery, Naples.

On March 2, 1892, Mr. Morey was united in marriage with Miss Estella Smith, the daughter of George H. Smith, of Brooklyn, New York. She has always been interested in newspaper work and before her marriage was connected with the Rural New Yorker. Since her husband's recent death, Mrs. Morey has continued the publication of the paper and is assisted by her son, Edgar Smith Morey.

To Mr. and Mrs. George T. Morey were born four children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: 1. Grace L., born July 16, 1896, a graduate of Naples High School, and a teacher for four years in the Livingston County schools. She married Samuel Gilmore, of Avon, New York. She died March 11, 1919, and is buried in Rose Ridge Cemetery, Naples. 2. Ruth Estella, born November 13, 1898, a graduate of Naples High School, married Gordon Chester, who is assistant county engineer, Ontario County, and

they live at 497 North Main Street, Canandaigua. They have two sons, Gordon Chester, Jr., and George Morey Chester. 3. Edgar Smith, born May 13, 1901, now associated with the "Naples News." He was married October 17, 1923, to Miss Florence Bardeen, of Prattsburgh, New York, and they have two children, Edgar S. Morey, Jr., and Nancy Ruth Morey.

Mr. Morey was a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He also was identified with the Chamber of Commerce and throughout his life took a keen and active interest in civic affairs and community betterment. He was prominent as a member of the Finger Lakes Association and a charter member of the Naples Country Club.

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**John S. Tellier** has been a conspicuous figure in newspaper circles in Central New York for more than forty years as editor and publisher of the "Naples Record." He was born at Canandaigua, New York, July 4, 1858, the son of John F. and Mary L. (Wetmore) Tellier.

John F. Tellier was a native of Holland, born at Retrunchement Zenland, July 23, 1832. At the age of eighteen years he emigrated to the United States and settled at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he became well known. He was later a resident of Canandaigua, New York, where he was foreman in the shops of the New York Central Railroad Company. He was living at Los Angeles, California, at the time of his death, July 21, 1906. On September 9, 1857, Mr. Tellier married Miss Mary L. Wetmore, the daughter of Sumner Wetmore, of Naples. To them were born five children, of whom John S., subject of this sketch, was the oldest.

John S. Tellier grew up at Canandaigua and attended the public schools there. He learned the trade of printing at an early age and in 1887 purchased the Neapolitan Record, a publication originally known as the Naples Record, founded in 1870. For a time it had also been published as the Neapolitan-Record. After Mr. Tellier became editor and publisher he renamed the paper the



"Naples Record." It is a weekly publication with a wide circulation throughout northern Steuben and Yates counties, as well as southern Ontario County. Throughout his long connection with the paper, Mr. Tellier has remained neutral in politics and his honesty and integrity in his chosen profession, as well as his years of experience, mark him as the dean of newspaper men in Ontario County. He is an active member of the National Editorial Association, New York State Press Association, and Western New York State Publishers Association.

On January 23, 1883, Mr. Tellier was united in marriage with Miss Clara A. Whiting, the daughter of John P. and Jane (Lee) Whiting, of Naples. They have two sons: 1. Howard W., born November 12, 1887, now associated with his father on the "Naples Record." He is Past Master of John Hodge Lodge No. 815, F. & A. M. 2. Lawrence S., born November 26, 1890. He is a graduate of New York City Law School, class of 1913, served as justice of the peace at Naples for seventeen years, and was admitted to the New York State bar in 1931. He is now engaged in practice at Rochester, New York. He is Past Master of John Hodge Lodge No. 815, F. & A. M., and Past Noble Grand of Nundawaho Lodge No. 714, I. O. O. F. Clara A. (Whiting) Tellier died March 4, 1895, and is buried in Rose Ridge Cemetery, Naples.

Mr. Tellier is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to John Hodge Lodge F. & A. M., Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Grange, and Chamber of Commerce. He has always been active in civic affairs and was one of the early supporters for the incorporation of the village of Naples, as well as one of the founders of the city water department. He has also been interested in education and at all times has been an influential figure in civic betterment.

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**John Barnes Parmelee.**—Well known as a lawyer and highly esteemed as a citizen, John Barnes Parmelee belongs to an honored pioneer family of Central New York, and is successfully engaged in practice at Phelps. He was born here, November 5, 1884, the son of George Herbert and Lillian May (Pond) Parmelee.

George Herbert Parmelee was born at Addison, Steuben County, New York, July 27, 1854, the son of Rev. Anson H. Parmelee, who was born at Bristol, Vermont, September 14, 1810. He was an early settler of Steuben County, being a graduate of Burr Seminary, Middlebury College and Andover Theological Seminary. He was a minister of the Congregational Church but preached in the Presbyterian Church, and in 1847 went to Addison, and in 1861 he was called to Livonia, and in 1877 to Seneca Castle, and preached until 1884. Reverend Parmelee died in 1894 at Phelps and is buried at Livonia. His son, George Herbert, was the youngest of five children. For a great many years he was the owner and manager of the Phelps Chilled Plow Works, and was also president of the Lawrence Bostwick Manufacturing Company, of Phelps. He took an active and prominent part in civic affairs, having served as village president for two terms and as a member of the Phelps Board of Education for twenty-six years. He belonged to the Grange. Mr. Parmelee died December 31, 1923, and is buried at Phelps. He was married on November 3, 1881, to Miss Lillian May Pond, born May 18, 1860, at Truxton, New York, the daughter of George Pond. He was born June 7, 1814, in the town of Hamilton, Madison County, New York. He married Ann Hurd in 1841. He operated a flour mill in Truxton, Cortland County, New York. They removed to Phelps in 1867 where he conducted a retail shoe store. She still resides at Phelps. There were five children in the Parmelee family. 1. George P., resides in town of Seneca, Ontario County, New York. 2. John B. 3. Grace L., resides in the town of Seneca, Ontario County, New York. 4. Louis W., deceased. 5. Richard H., resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

John Barnes Parmelee attended the grade and high schools of Phelps, and was graduated from Phelps High School in 1904. He received the degree of LL. B. at Syracuse University in 1908, and during the same year was admitted to the New York State bar. For three years Mr. Parmelee was associated with two leading law firms of Rochester, namely, Smith, DeGraff, Castleman & Mosher, and Perkins, Duffy & McLean. He came to Phelps in 1912, and for a time was identified in practice with E. B. Part-



ridge. Since 1913 Mr. Parmelee has carried on a general practice here, and specializes in surrogate practice. He is also identified with the insurance business, having purchased the agency of W. D. Norton in 1921, who conducted the agency at Phelps since 1870, and Mr. Parmelee has conducted the agency under his name since that time.

Mr. Parmelee was married December 5, 1912, to Miss Carrie Monroe VanNostrand, born in Romulus, New York, December 25, 1881, the daughter of Augustus T. and Emma (Monroe) VanNostrand, of Phelps. A. T. VanNostrand was born July 21, 1855, at Romulus, New York. He was the son of John and Rachael (Todd) VanNostrand. Emma (Monroe) VanNostrand was born January 11, 1858, at Romulus, Seneca County, New York. She was a daughter of David and Helen (Salyer) Monroe. A. T. VanNostrand married Miss Emma Monroe November 17, 1880. Augustus T. VanNostrand conducted a hardware business at Romulus, New York, from 1885 until 1907 when he removed to Phelps and became associated with the Zenith Foundry Company. He is one of the organizers and vice president and director of the Phelps National Bank. He is a director of the Ovid National Bank of Ovid, New York.

To Mr. and Mrs. Parmelee have been born two sons: 1. Herbert VanNostrand, born September 8, 1913, attends Phelps High School. 2. John Monroe, born February 16, 1915, attends Phelps High School.

Politically, Mr. Parmelee is a Republican, and for a number of years was a member of the Republican County Committee. He has been president of the local board of education for eight years. He and his family are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Phelps, of which he was a former trustee and now treasurer of benevolences. He also is affiliated with Sincerity Lodge, No. 200, F. and A. M., and Delta Chi fraternity. He is an active member of the Ontario Bar Association, and Western New York Bar Association.

During the World War Mr. Parmelee was Food Administrator for the town of Phelps, a member of the Home Defense Unit, and active in all the other local war agencies.

**Lee Harmon Leland.**—Numbered among the energetic and highly successful business men of Clifton Springs is Lee Harmon Leland, lumber and coal dealer. He was born here, May 6, 1878, the son of Roderick L. and Marietta (Harmon) Leland.

Roderick L. Leland, deceased, was a prominent figure in business affairs in Clifton Springs for many years. He was born at Hamilton, Ontario, September 16, 1851, and died in 1926. He was the son of Bainbridge Perry Leland, who was born in Massachusetts in 1815. Members of this family came to this country from England in 1652. Bainbridge Perry Leland died July 4, 1854, and is buried at Clifton Springs. For a number of years Roderick L. Leland was a retail merchant at Clifton Springs, and later became interested in the manufacture of tinware specialties, being identified with the Judd & Leland Manufacturing Company. In 1906 he established a lumber and coal business with his son. Mr. Leland was married in 1875 to Miss Marietta Harmon, the daughter of Nelson and Rowena (Giles) Harmon, of Clifton Springs. They were the parents of two sons. Mrs. Roderick L. Leland died in 1920 and is buried at Clifton Springs.

Lee Harmon Leland is a graduate of the public schools of Clifton Springs and also attended a military school at Ft. Plain, New York. Until 1906 he was in the grocery business in Geneva and Clifton Springs, and in that year became identified with the lumber and coal business. This company is the oldest of its kind in Clifton Springs and throughout the years of its growth it has become one of the city's well established business houses. Mr. Leland has continued to carry on its reliable policies and ranks among the city's dependable merchants.

On June 4, 1913, Mr. Leland was united in marriage with Miss Ruby Fox, the daughter of William and Margaret (Clair) Fox, of Geneva, New York. She died April 10, 1932, and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva. Mrs. Leland always took a prominent and active part in the civic and social life of the community and was greatly beloved by the young people, in whom she manifested such a keen interest. She also was a leader in local politics and was a Republican, and in 1928 was a delegate from New York to the Republican National Convention at Kansas City, Missouri.



To Mr. and Mrs. Leland was born a son, Roderic Fox Leland, born May 14, 1916. He attends Clifton Springs High School.

Mr. Leland is a Republican. He has been a member and secretary of the Republican County Committee for many years. He is identified with the Universalist Church, of Rochester, and is Past Master of Garogo Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 300, and member of Zenobia Commandery, K. T., Palmyra, New York. He also holds membership in the Clifton Springs Club, and New York State Coal Merchants Association. He is president of the Finger Lakes Council of Boy Scouts.

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**George Clifford Newland.**—As owner and proprietor of the Newland Store, G. Clifford Newland ranks first among the enterprising and successful business men of Clifton Springs. He was born at Hopewell, Ontario County, March 13, 1884, the son of Willard P. and Josephine E. (Young) Newland.

Willard P. Newland was a native of New York, born at Allen, Allegheny County, December 29, 1850. He died at Clifton Springs, October 19, 1921, and is buried there. He was the son of Rev. Charles A. and Eliza Newland. It was in 1856 that the family moved to Phelps, New York, where Reverend Newland was called as pastor of the Baptist Church. He is buried at Clifton Springs. Willard P. Newland was the youngest of eight children born to Reverend and Mrs. Newland. He was educated in the public schools of Hopewell and Phelps and throughout his life was a farmer. He was married October 1, 1879, to Miss Josephine E. Young, the daughter of George W. Young, farmer, of Hopewell. Their only child was G. Clifford, the subject of this sketch.

G. Clifford Newland grew up at Clifton Springs and attended the public schools. He also studied for one year at Rochester Business Institute. Mr. Newland began his business career in the dry goods establishment of his uncle, Charles A. Newland, at Clifton Springs. The store had been founded many years before, being one of the pioneer establishments of Ontario County. In 1916 G. Clifford Newland became a partner in the business, which

was reorganized at that time as C. A. Newland & Company. Later it became known as the Newland Dry Goods Company, and in 1928 Mr. Newland purchased the interests of his uncle, and has since conducted the business as the Newland Store. He has an extensive trade and deals in high grade merchandise exclusively.

On August 18, 1914, Mr. Newland was united in marriage with Miss Bertha F. Penney, the daughter of George Byron and Elizabeth (Benjamin) Penney, of Adams, New York, both now deceased. They have no children.

In politics, Mr. Newland is identified with the Republican party. He is a trustee of the Baptist Church, of which his wife is primary Sunday school superintendent. He also is affiliated with the Garoga Lodge, No. 300, F. and A. M. Both he and his wife have a wide acquaintance in the community.

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**Charles Francis Booth, D. D. S.**—Among the most public spirited citizens of Canandaigua may be mentioned Doctor Booth, retired, who is a member of one of the oldest and most honored families of Ontario County. He was born at Canandaigua, November 12, 1858, the son of John E. and Caroline (Jones) Booth.

John E. Booth, a native of Canandaigua, was born in 1818 and died in 1912 at the age of ninety-four years. He is buried in West Avenue Cemetery, Canandaigua. He was the son of Enos Booth, who was born at Long Meadow, Connecticut, in 1793. The latter came to Ontario County in 1817 and followed his trade as a stone cutter. He was commissioned first lieutenant in the New York State Militia by DeWitt Clinton, governor of New York, on March 27, 1819. He died in 1834 at the age of forty-one years and is buried in Sutherland Cemetery, southwest of Canandaigua. His son, John E. Booth, was a farmer and stock dealer and also conducted a meat business at Canandaigua. He was married (first) in 1851 to Miss Caroline Jones, the daughter of William Jones, a minister of the Methodist circuit in western New York. To this union were born five children, of whom Charles Francis, subject, was the fourth in order of birth. Caroline J. (Jones) Booth died



in 1865 and is buried in West Avenue Cemetery, Canandaigua. John E. Booth married (second) in 1870 Miss Amy Sherwood, of Mendon, New York. They were the parents of one child.

Charles Francis Booth received his education in the public schools of Canandaigua, Canandaigua Academy and the Geneseo Normal School. He spent one year at New York City Dental College and received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery at Philadelphia Dental College in 1882. For one year Doctor Booth was located in practice at Geneseo and then came to Canandaigua in 1883. Due to ill health Doctor Booth retired from active practice in 1931 after a most successful professional career. He also gained a reputation as the inventor of numerous dental appliances, important among which was a table top, which has had a wide distribution throughout the country since 1910. Recently the City Council commented on the lake front development and Mayor Close said: "Doctor Booth has given much time and effort in this work and has shown a fine public spirit."

On February 3, 1897, Doctor Booth was united in marriage with Miss Ellen J. Lyon, the daughter of Richard J. Lyon, of Cleveland, Ohio. They have two daughters: 1. Caroline Lyon, born August 15, 1898, a graduate of Laurel School, Cleveland, and Skidmore College, at Saratoga Springs, New York, now the wife of Joseph F. Hobbins. They live at Cortland, New York. 2. Julia Frances, born July 16, 1905, a graduate of Laurel School, Cleveland, the Mechanics School, at Rochester, New York, and Jefferson Hospital Philadelphia, where she specialized in the study of dietetics. In 1925 she was appointed dietitian at Long Island Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, and served in that capacity for four years. She is now the wife of George Twigg, Jr., of Radburn, New Jersey. They have a son, George Twigg, III.

Doctor Booth has always been a Republican. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and belonged to the Ontario County Dental Society for many years, also serving as president of that organization. For more than a quarter of a century he has taken a keen interest in rural education and was one of the founders of District School No. 9 on West Lake Road. This school is familiarly known as "Charlie Booth" School. Doctor Booth has been

one of the speakers at the rural education conference held at Syracuse University.

In 1900 Doctor Booth gave to the city of Canandaigua a public drinking fountain, which was placed at the entrance of city hall. It is one of the numerous memorials in evidence of Doctor Booth's civic pride and interest.

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**Alfred Milton Mead, M. D.**—Recognized as a leading physician and surgeon of Ontario County for more than half a century, Doctor Mead, of Victor, has an extensive acquaintance in the community. He was born at Macedon Center, New York, November 21, 1856, the son of John G. and Emma B. (Cookinham) Mead.

John G. Mead was born at Milan, Dutchess County, New York, March 16, 1824. Throughout his life he was a farmer. He was married October 20, 1848, to Miss Emma B. Cookinham, who was born at Milan, New York, October 13, 1826. He died April 27, 1909, and his wife died July 31, 1916. Both are buried at Macedon Center. Their children were: 1. Edgar L., born April 6, 1851, died January 29, 1922. 2. Emma Louise, born May 5, 1860, died March 11, 1881. 3. Alfred Milton, the subject of this sketch.

Alfred Milton Mead received his early education in the public schools of Macedon Center and also was a student at Macedon Academy, from which he was graduated in 1876. He studied medicine at the University of Buffalo, and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine there in 1880. His interneship was spent in the Rochester General Hospital, and throughout his entire professional career Doctor Mead has been located at Victor. He is a member of the board of directors of Thompson Memorial Hospital, Canandaigua, and is identified with the Ontario County Society, New York State Society and American Medical Association. He also has served as coroner of Ontario County.

On April 6, 1881, Doctor Mead was united in marriage with Miss Hattie A. Brown, of Union Hill, New York, the daughter of Robert Brown. Their children are: 1. Edgar Robert, born July 8, 1884, associated with the Locke Insular Company. 2. Dora E.,



born December 13, 1886, a graduate of Peabody Conservatory of Music, at Baltimore, Maryland, at present a teacher of piano at the East Carolina Teachers Training School, at Greenville, North Carolina. 3. Mary Evelyn, born April 11, 1892, a graduate of Syracuse University, now identified with Park Avenue Hospital, Rochester, as pathological technician.

Doctor Mead is a Republican in politics and is a member of Victor Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has served as a member of the official board for fifty-two years.

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**Henry Marvin Parmele.**—As president of the Hamlin National Bank, of Holcomb, Mr. Parmele is numbered among Ontario County's prominent citizens, and has long been identified with the financial affairs of this section of Central New York. He was born at West Bloomfield, New York, January 26, 1865, the son of Hiram T. and Mary (Gates) Parmele.

Hiram T. Parmele was born at West Bloomfield, New York, in 1832. He was a merchant at West Bloomfield and mill owner at Chapinville for many years and in 1885 was one of the organizers of the Canandaigua National Bank. He was married in 1857 to Miss Mary Gates, of West Bloomfield, and settled in Canandaigua in 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Parmele were the parents of four children.

After his graduation from Canandaigua Academy in 1884, Henry Marvin Parmele became a clerk in the private bank of Hamlin & Steel, of East Bloomfield. Upon the reorganization of the bank two years later he became a partner in the establishment, which was then operated as Hamlin & Company. On July 1, 1911, Mr. Parmele was made president of the institution, at which time it had become a national bank under the name of the Hamlin National Bank. At that time it had a capital stock of \$25,000, which has been increased at the present time to \$100,000.00. Mr. Parmele is also a director of the Canandaigua National Bank, and for many years was vice-president of the Citizens Bank of Penn Yan. He served as vice-president of the Locke Insulator Company, of Victor, New York, for ten years.

On October 28, 1890, Mr. Parmele married Miss Elise M. Munson, the daughter of Henry Munson, of East Bloomfield, New York. They have no children.

Politically, Mr. Parmele is a Republican. He has been for many years president of the board of education of East Bloomfield High School, and belongs to the American Bankers Association, New York State Bankers Association, and Scientific Club of East Bloomfield. Mr. and Mrs. Parmele are active members of the Congregational Church, of which he is also trustee.

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**John H. Hicks**, who stands among the leading professional men of Central New York, has engaged in the practice of law at Canandaigua, Ontario County, for a period of thirty-five years. He was born on the Hicks homestead, on the west shore of Canandaigua Lake, December 26, 1867, the son of Irwin H. and Ellen (Ingraham) Hicks.

Irwin H. Hicks was born November 23, 1841, the son of Martin H. Hicks, who was a native of Dutchess County, New York. The latter's grandfather was born on Long Island, New York, and served throughout the French and Indian wars. He was one of the first settlers of Dutchess County. In 1866 Irwin H. Hicks married Miss Ellen Ingraham, the daughter of Moses Ingraham, a farmer of Ontario County. To Mr. and Mrs. Hicks were born seven children, of whom John H., subject, was the oldest. Irwin H. Hicks died in February, 1931, and his wife died in 1921. Both are buried at Academy, New York.

John H. Hicks received his education in the district schools and in Honeoye High School and Geneseo Normal School. He read law in the office of Charles D. Newton, prominent attorney of Geneseo, who for many years served as a member of the New York Senate, and at one time as Attorney General of New York. Mr. Hicks then came to Canandaigua and was associated with the practice of Elisha W. Gardner, being admitted to the bar in November, 1897. He began the practice of law alone until November, 1902, when he formed a partnership with the late Asa B.



Priest under the law firm of Hicks & Priest. In 1904 the firm was changed to Scott, Hicks & Fitch. Since 1907 he has conducted a private practice, with offices at 17 Court Street, Canandaigua, New York.

On June 24, 1896, Mr. Hicks was united in marriage with Miss Augusta C. Cole, the daughter of Seth Cole, of Alton, Wayne County, New York. To them were born four children: 1. Mabel, born June 3, 1897, a graduate of Canandaigua Academy, Geneseo State Normal School and Rochester University. She is now a teacher. 2. Catherine E. I., born October 11, 1898, a graduate of Canandaigua Academy, during the World War held a secretarial position in the office of the Adjutant General of the United States in Washington, D. C., now identified with the offices of the Department of Agriculture in Washington. 3. John George, born May 14, 1902, served throughout the World War in the United States Navy, now identified with the Eastman Kodak Corporation, at Rochester, New York. 4. Thomas Farrington, born August 25, 1905, a graduate of Canandaigua public schools, now is associate western New York editor of the Democrat and Chronicle of Rochester.

Mr. Hicks is a Democrat. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Rotary Club, Ontario Bar Association, and Western New York Bar Association.

The family residence is located at 377 North Main Street, Canandaigua.

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**Lt. Col. Murray Bartlett, D. D., LL. D.**—As president of Hobart College in Geneva, Doctor Bartlett holds a prominent position in educational affairs in Central New York, and he has gained international distinction as the founder of the University of the Philippine Islands. Doctor Bartlett was born at Poughkeepsie, New York, March 29, 1871, the son of Stanley Bartlett.

Stanley Bartlett was a lineal descendant of Robert Bartlett, who came to America from England on the English sailing vessel, "Anne", which was the first boat to land in America after the

Mayflower in 1620. The name was originally spelled "Barttelot" and the family was of Norman stock. Stanley Bartlett became a prosperous clothing manufacturer of Poughkeepsie.

Murray Bartlett received his early education by private tutors in Poughkeepsie, New York, and at Riverview Academy, from which he was graduated in 1889. He then entered Harvard University, from which he received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in 1892 and 1893, respectively. He then entered the General Theological Seminary in New York City and was graduated from that institution in 1896, being ordained a deacon of the Episcopal Church in the same year. He served as curate for one year at Grace Church, New York City, under Dr. W. R. Huntington, and in 1897 was ordained a priest and went to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at Rochester, New York, as rector. He served in the latter capacity for eleven years and in 1908 resigned in order to accept a call from Bishop Brent to become rector of the Anglo-American Church at Manila, Philippine Islands. In 1910 Doctor Bartlett was one of the founders and appointed first president of the University of the Philippine Islands at Manila, and he served in the latter capacity for five years, when due to ill health he was forced to resign and return to the United States. During his administration at the university Doctor Bartlett was successful in the building of six schools with an enrollment of 1,200 students, and an investment of more than \$500,000.00 in buildings and equipment. At the present time the institution boasts of an enrollment of 6,000 students.

Doctor Bartlett then located at Pasadena, California, and in February, 1917, became chaplain of the 18th Infantry, First Division, with which he saw service at the front and he was severely wounded on July 22, 1918. He later rejoined his regiment and was with the army of occupation in Germany until March, 1919. In April, 1919, Doctor Bartlett was elected to his present responsible position as president of Hobart College at Geneva. His work at the college has been outstanding and during his administration the student body has more than doubled, the endowment greatly increased, and the campus and buildings in general enlarged.



On April 15, 1903, Doctor Bartlett was united in marriage at Buffalo, New York, with Miss Blanchard Howard, the daughter of the late Hamilton Howard, of Rochester, New York. Their daughter, Blanchard Bartlett, was born August 6, 1907. She is a graduate of St. Timothy's School, Catonsville, Maryland, the Murray Anderson School of Dramatic Art, at Albany, New York, and also studied in Florence, Italy, and Paris, France. She is now a well known actress and has appeared with the Royal Family Company and in stock throughout the country.

Doctor Bartlett is a Democrat in politics. He is a 33rd degree Mason and a member of Genesee Lodge, B. P. O. Elks. He also is a member of the University Club of Geneva, Genesee Valley Club of Rochester, Harvard Club of New York City, and Geneva Country Club. He was president of the Middle State Association of Colleges and Schools during 1931, and is now a member of its executive committee. He holds the honorary degree of LL. D. from Trinity College, D. D. from the University of Rochester, and S. T. D. from the General Theological Seminary and Columbia University. Doctor Bartlett has also received the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism near Soissons, France, as well as the Legion of Honor, and the Croix de Guerre from France. He is a lieutenant colonel in the Chaplains' Reserve and Chaplain of the 98th Division (Reserve).

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**Frank L. Christian, M. D.**, who is superintendent of the New York State Reformatory, at Elmira, holds a position of vital importance in the government of the State. He is a strict disciplinarian, yet humane in his judgment, a student and a writer of considerable note on the subjects of criminology, eugenics and penology, and is a competent judge of human nature. As such, he has proven an ideal incumbent for the office.

Frank L. Christian was born at Waterloo, New York, February 23, 1876, the only child of John and Maria (Hayes) Christian. After completing his preliminary education in the public schools of Waterloo, Frank L. Christian entered the University of New

York, from which he was graduated in 1898. He subsequently matriculated at Cornell University, being a member of the first class to graduate from the Medical College of the University, class of 1899. For the next three years he served as interne at Bellevue Hospital, and during that time was also assistant instructor in surgery at Cornell University. After completing his internship he became resident surgeon in the Eastern New York Reformatory at Napanoch, where he remained until 1901. He then came to Elmira as senior medical officer in the Reformatory and on July 10, 1911, was made assistant superintendent. On September 15, 1917, Doctor Christian was appointed superintendent of reformatories, there being two institutions at that time of this particular character in the State.

In October, 1918, Doctor Christian enlisted for service in the World War and joined the 22nd Infantry, later being transferred to the Atlantic Disciplinary Barracks. He was subsequently assigned to duty at Fort Leavenworth Prison and remained in that institution until the close of the war. He is now identified with the United States Reserve Corps as a captain.

On January 28, 1903, Doctor Christian was united in marriage with Miss Mary L. Therry, of New York City, the daughter of Stephen and Mary (Hennessey) Therry, natives of Ireland and New York City, respectively. Mr. Therry died in 1917 and his wife died in 1929. They are buried in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York. Doctor and Mrs. Christian are the parents of five children: 1. Frank T., born in 1907, a graduate of Elmira High School and Bucknell University, class of 1929. He is a mechanical engineer in aviation. He resides at home. 2. Jean, born in 1910, a graduate of Elmira High School, Elmira College, Bachelor of Science, and Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester. She is now a teacher of music at South High School, Elmira. 3. Stephen T., born in 1912, a graduate of Elmira High School, attended North Eastern University, and is now a student at Canisus College, Buffalo, New York. 4. Arthur, born in 1916, attends Elmira High School. 5. Gretchen, born in 1918, attends Notre Dame Convent, at Baltimore, Maryland.



Professionally, Doctor Christian holds membership in the American Medical Association, Alumni Association of Bellevue Hospital, Society of Medical Jurisprudence, Eugenics Society, Elmira Academy of Medicine, and American Prison Association. He is affiliated with Seneca Lodge, No. 116, F. and A. M., of which he has been a member since 1898. He was recently elected president of the Boy Scouts of the Elmira Sector and is a member of the Regional Board for New York and New Jersey. He is a charter member of the American Legion, Harry Bentley Post, No. 442, being the first treasurer in Chemung County.

Doctor and Mrs. Christian live with their family at 610 Edgewood Drive, Elmira. She is a graduate of the College of the Sacred Heart, Chicago, and takes an active and important part in the civic and social life of the community. She is past president of the American Legion Auxiliary.

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**S. Tracey Hamilton, M. D.**—One of the able young physicians and surgeons of Elmira is Doctor Hamilton, a veteran of the World War, who is established in practice in this city with offices at 52 Lake Street. He was born at Elmira, January 26, 1893, the son of Samuel and Catherine (Miller) Hamilton.

Samuel Hamilton is a native of New York, born at Perth Amboy. He was educated in the public schools, and until his retirement spent thirty-seven years in the post office department. He has been retired since 1930 and resides at Elmira. His father was a native of Scotland and as a young man had settled in Orange, New Jersey, where he spent many years in the pottery business. Politically, Samuel Hamilton is a Republican and for a number of years was active in politics. He and his wife are members of Trinity Church, Elmira. Their only child was S. Tracey, the subject of this sketch.

S. Tracey Hamilton grew up at Elmira and received his early education in the local public schools, from which he was graduated in 1913. He received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the University of Buffalo in 1917, and served as interne in the

Buffalo Red Cross Tuberculosis Clinic for six months and the emergency division of Sisters of Charity Hospital, Buffalo, for six months also. During the World War Doctor Hamilton served with the Medical Corps, United States Army, and held the rank of first lieutenant. Doctor Hamilton established his present practice in Elmira in January, 1918, and is widely recognized as a specialist in children's diseases. He is a member of the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital, and has served as jail physician in Elmira and county coroner. He also was city physician under Mayors Hoffman, Peck and Wood. Doctor Hamilton holds membership in Chemung County, New York State and American Medical Associations.

On June 18, 1918, Doctor Hamilton was united in marriage with Miss Virginia M. Hayes, of Buffalo. They have no children.

Doctor Hamilton is a Republican, a member of German Evangelical Church, and belongs to B. P. O. Elks, American Legion, City Club, and Omega Upsilon Phi fraternity.

Doctor and Mrs. Hamilton live at 957 Walnut Street, Elmira.

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**William Harris Arnold**, who is president of the Chemung County Historical Society, has gained a wide reputation throughout Central New York as an authority on local history, and he has been city historian of Elmira since 1922 and county historian since 1923. He is also past president of the Central New York Historians and is a member of the New York State Historical Association and historical committee of the Finger Lakes Association. Mr. Arnold was born in Toronto, Canada, June 10, 1872, the son of Henry William and Sarah Ann (Cathers) Arnold.

Henry William Arnold was born at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, England, and his wife was a native of Ottawa, Canada. He was a pressman in Toronto and came to Elmira in 1881, where he was employed in the same capacity on the Elmira Sunday Telegram for many years. Mr. Arnold died June 1st, 1914, and his wife died December 5th, 1909. They are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. Their only children were: 1. Mrs. Mary E. Robert-



son, lives at Washington, D. C. 2. William Harris, the subject of this sketch.

At the age of nine years William Harris Arnold came to Elmira with his parents, and he completed his schooling in this city. In 1888 he began an apprenticeship at the printing trade on the Elmira Telegram, and in 1895 went to Ithaca, New York. In 1902 he returned to Elmira. He then became identified with the Elmira Gazette in their job printing department, and has continuously been associated with this department through its various business connections; Elmira Star-Gazette; and the present owners, Barber & Doane, Inc., who took over the department a number of years ago.

Mr. Arnold is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Union Lodge, No. 95, F. and A. M.; Corning Consistory, Scottish Rite; Cashmere Grotto; Masonic Club of Elmira; Southern Tier Lodge, No. 89, I. O. O. F.; Chemung Encampment, No. 18; Canton Queen City, No. 10 (past officer in each body); past district deputy grand master and past district deputy grand patriarch; Rasel-Ain Sanctorum, A. M. O. S. (Past Monarch); Chemung County Rod & Gun Club; and Elmira Chapter Izaak Walton League. He is also historian for the local bodies of the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Arnold is unmarried.

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**Charles O. Eacker.**—Highly successful in legal affairs in Elmira and widely known throughout Central New York is Charles O. Eacker, attorney, who is secretary of the Retail Division of the Association of Commerce, and president of the Associated Credit Bureau of New York State. He is also secretary of the Elmira Supply Dealers Association and secretary of the Elmira Retail Credit Managers. He was born at Montour Falls, New York, August 13, 1874, the son of David G. and Sophia J. (Gray) Eacker.

David G. Eacker was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Herkimer County and his wife was a native of Schulyer County.

He was a carpenter by trade and later conducted a retail grocery business at Montour Falls. He also lived at Elmira for several years before his death, which occurred in 1906. Mr. Eacker served as a member of the 141st Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, throughout the Civil War, and was commander of Diven Post, Grand Army of the Republic. He and his wife were members of the First Baptist Church. He died in 1906 and his wife died in 1918. Both are buried at Elmira. Their only child was Charles O., the subject of this sketch.

After attending Cook Academy at Montour Falls, Charles O. Eacker studied law in the office of Judge Gabriel L. Smith. He later was identified with Roswell R. Moss, and was admitted to the bar in March, 1899. Mr. Eacker then continued in practice with Mr. Moss at 210 East Water Street, Elmira, until the death of Mr. Moss. He has since engaged in private practice and has offices at 306-8 Realty Building.

On April 16, 1903, Mr. Eacker was united in marriage with Miss Eva Louise Bogardus, of Elmira, the daughter of Calvin and Alice (Updike) Bogardus. The former died in 1926 and his wife died in 1929. They are buried in Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Eacker have no children.

Mr. Eacker is a prominent member of the First Baptist Church and has served as usher for thirty-five years. He also belongs to the Rotary Club. Mr. Eacker is a member of the Chemung County Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, and the Commercial Law League. Mrs. Eacker is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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**Mordecai Casson.**—A member of the firm of Casson & Herendeen, with offices in the Realty Building, Mordecai Casson is widely known throughout Central New York as one of Elmira's most prominent attorneys. He was born at Tuscarora, New York, June 16, 1889, the son of Mordecai and Helen (Griswold) Casson.

Mordecai Casson, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Otsego County, New York, and was a graduate of



Alfred Academy. As a young man he enlisted and served throughout the war as a member of Company G, Second New York Volunteer Cavalry. Mr. Casson engaged in the lumber business at Addison, New York, and at the time of his death in 1926 was living retired. His wife was born at Southport, Chemung County, and died in 1923. Both are buried at Addison. Mr. Casson was a Republican and served as town supervisor. He and his wife attended the Presbyterian Church. They had two sons: 1. James Griswold, lives at Newark, New Jersey, where he is identified with the lumber firm of Bosman & Casson. 2. Mordecai, the subject of this sketch.

Mordecai Casson grew up on a farm near Tuscarora and in 1907 was graduated from Addison High School. He is also a graduate of St. John's School at Manlius, New York, and received the LL. B. degree at Cornell University in 1912. After his admission to the bar he became a clerk in the offices of Herendeen & Mandeville, with whom he was associated for one year. He then established a private practice at Addison, but in March, 1918, enlisted for a five year term in the United States Marine Corps. He was discharged, however, in January, 1919, but remained on the reserve list until March 17, 1923. He resumed the practice of law in January, 1919, and during the following year was auditor of the Income Tax Bureau, State of New York. He continued his practice at Addison during this time and in January, 1921, became a member of the firm of Casson & Herendeen in Elmira. Mr. Casson also maintains offices at Addison. He is an active member of the Chemung County and Steuben County Bar associations.

On June 24, 1918, Mr. Casson married Miss Grace Mackay, the daughter of Rev. Daniel and Jessie (Logan) Mackay, natives of Nova Scotia and Ontario, respectively. Rev. Mackay, who died in 1927, was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Addison for thirty-five years. His widow resides there. Mr. and Mrs. Casson have two sons: Robert Mackay, born October 29, 1922. John, born September 6, 1928.

Mr. Casson is a Republican, a member of Park Congregational Church, and is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 118, F. and A. M., past master; Addison Chapter, R. A. M., past high priest; Corn-

ing Consistory, A. A. S. R., 32nd degree; Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton; Masonic Club, Elmira; American Legion; and Sigma Phi Sigma fraternity.

Mr. Casson is the fifth generation of his family to carry the surname of Mordecai.

Mr. Casson has his offices in the Turner Building at 203 West Water Street.

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**Michael A. Leahy**, who is treasurer of the Elmira Savings Bank, has been identified with that institution for a quarter of a century and is recognized as one of the city's prominent men. He was born on a farm in Athens Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, the son of Patrick and Margaret (Ryan) Leahy.

Patrick Leahy and his wife are deceased. He was born in Ireland and died in 1913. His wife, born at Ulster, Pennsylvania, died in 1925. He was a progressive farmer of Bradford County for many years and was among the first settlers of that section of Pennsylvania. Mr. Leahy was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Leahy were born the following children: 1. John P., farmer, lives in Bradford County. 2. Nora J., who died in 1897. 3. Thomas J., who died in 1926. 4. Edward J., lives in Elmira. 5. Mary E., married James Blake, lives in Elmira. 6. William B., lives in Elmira. 7. Michael A., the subject of this sketch.

Michael A. Leahy attended the district schools of Athens Township, Bradford County, and located in Elmira in 1902. He spent four years in the employ of the rolling mills at Elmira Heights, and later was connected with the local post office. He entered the Elmira Savings Bank as a clerk in 1907 and in the following year was elected secretary of the institution. He has been a member of the board of directors since 1912 and was elected treasurer in 1920. The Elmira Savings Bank has increased its resources from \$300,000.00 to \$7,000,000.00, and its surplus from \$10,000.00 to \$800,000.00, in 1932.

In 1917 Mr. Leahy was united in marriage with Miss Pauline Conroy, of Elmira, the daughter of John J. and Anna (Ryan)



Conroy, natives of Watkins and Corning, New York, respectively. He lives at Elmira and his wife died in 1917. To Mr. and Mrs. Leahy have been born four children: 1. Anne, born August 16, 1919. 2. Pauline, born April 27, 1921. 3. Joseph, who died in infancy. 4. David, who died in infancy.

Mr. Leahy is a Democrat and served as chairman of the Board of Appeals, for the city of Elmira, zoning ordinance, for fifteen months, resigning from office January 1, 1932. He is a member of the executive committee of the New York State Savings Bank Association, and is secretary-treasurer of Group No. 2, New York State Savings Bank Association. Mr. Leahy and his family are members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

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**Harry M. Haskell.**—Among the leading architects of Central New York is Harry M. Haskell, who is identified with the firm of Haskell & Considine, of Elmira. He was born in this city, April 25, 1885, the son of Myron C. and Ada R. (Dilmore) Haskell.

Myron C. Haskell, who died in 1920, was well known in Elmira for a number of years as a building contractor. He was born at Veteran, Ulster County, New York, and died at Elmira. His wife was born at Pine Valley, New York.. Mr. and Mrs. Haskell were members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of four children: 1. Grace A. Teed, lives at Elmira. 2. Harry M., the subject of this sketch. 3. Edna R. Everetts. 4. Ralph J. All live at Elmira.

Harry M. Haskell is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, being a member of the class of 1904. He then entered the offices of J. H. Considine, architect, with whom he was associated until 1917, when the latter died. Mr. Haskell continued alone until 1928 and at that time the firm of Haskell & Considine was organized with Leo E. Considine as junior member. He is the son of the late J. H. Considine. Among contracts completed by this well known firm are the following: St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira; the Diven School, Elmira; West Elmira School; Montour Falls Bank; Horseheads School and Bank; Southport schools; and Hornell School.

They also specialize in high grade residential work. Mr. Haskell is a member of the New York Council of Architects and is registered to practice his profession both in New York and in Pennsylvania.

In 1910 Mr. Haskell married Miss Laura Kircher, of Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Albert and Agnes (Marsh) Kircher, natives of Elmira. Mr. Kircher died in 1927 and his widow lives in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Haskell have two children: 1. Howard A., born in 1914, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, attends Cornell University. 2. Jane A., born in 1916, attends Elmira Free Academy.

Mr. Haskell is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the City Club, Elmira Country Club, Association of Commerce, Elmira Minute Men's Club, and Elmira Artist League Club. He is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 95, F. and A. M.; Elmira Chapter, R. A. M.; St. Elmo Council; Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton; Elmira Masonic Club, vice-president; and B. P. O. Elks, No. 62.

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**Lemuel M. Rockwell** is among the best known business men of Elmira, where he is general agent for the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, with offices in the Robinson Building. He was born at Wellsville, New York, July 26, 1887, the son of Hobart Henry and Lavina (Mitchell) Rockwell.

Hobart Henry Rockwell was born at Fredonia, New York, and died in 1929. He was educated in the public schools of Fredonia and Hornell, and for a number of years served as president of Rockwell Brothers Company. Mr. Rockwell was an active member of the Christian Missionary Alliance, being the founder of the church of that denomination at Wellsville. He was also the founder of the Methodist Church there and throughout his life was an ardent Prohibitionist. His wife is also deceased. Both are buried at Hornell. To Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell were born the following children: 1. Fannie, married Roland Beach, lives at Brooklyn. 2. Mary R., married Vivian Bruce, lives at Elmira. 3.



Josephine, died in 1917, was the wife of Alfred McArthur of Chicago. 4. Lemuel M., the subject of this sketch. 5. Helen, married Harry Furman, lives at Elmira. 6. John Hobart, merchant, lives at Wellsville. He is a graduate of United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, and served with the rank of naval lieutenant throughout the World War. He is now a member of the Officers Naval Reserve Corps.

Lemuel M. Rockwell acquired his early education at Wellsville and was graduated from high school there in 1907. He attended Colgate University for two years and was then associated in business with his father. Mr. Rockwell also conducted a business there for three years, and in 1914 became interested in the insurance business as an agent for the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. He enlisted for service in the World War in December, 1917, and served with the U. S. Navy at Brooklyn Navy Yard. He also saw service on the U. S. S. "Comfort," and received his discharge as a chief petty officer in March, 1919. Upon his return to Wellsville Mr. Rockwell resumed his insurance business, and the same year located at Elmira, where he has continued as General Agent. His territory comprises five counties in Southern New York, and Mr. Rockwell employs a force of five representatives.

In 1909 Mr. Rockwell was united in marriage with Miss Georgiana Booth, of Bolivar, New York, the daughter of Stanley and Clara (McCray) Booth. Mr. Booth and his wife are natives of Crawford County, Pennsylvania. He is chairman of the Board of Directors of the First Trust Company of Wellsville, and treasurer of the Moore Steam Turbine Corporation, of Wellsville. Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell have two children: 1. Claribel M., born in 1910, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, attends Wells College, class of 1933. 2. Hobart H., born in 1915, attends Manlius Military Academy.

Mr. Rockwell is a Republican, a member of Hedding Methodist Church, and belongs to Jesse Cooley Lodge, F. and A. M.; Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity; American Legion; Kiwanis Club; and Association of Commerce.

**Otto H. Volker**, who is vice president and manager of the Post-Volker Company, wholesale commission merchants, is a progressive business man of Elmira. He is a native of this city, born September 21, 1885, the son of Charles and Eureka Volker.

Charles Volker and his wife were natives of Hamburg, Germany. They emigrated to this country shortly after their marriage and located at Elmira, where Mr. Volker followed his trade as a stone mason. He died in 1914 and his wife died in 1916. They are buried at Elmira. Mr. Volker was a Republican and held membership in the German Lutheran Church. There were four children in the Volker family: 1. Johanna E., married F. E. Jones. 2. Herman R. 3. George E., who died in 1918. 4. Otto H., the subject of this sketch. All live at Elmira.

Otto H. Volker was graduated from Elmira Free Academy in 1905. He spent the following seven years as an employe of the Wells Fargo Express Company, and then served as foreman of the Empire Produce Company for three years. In 1914 he became associated with Myron G. Post and they took over the interests of the Meade-Post Company, wholesale fruit and vegetable dealers. At that time the business was incorporated with Mr. Post as president and Mr. Volker vice president and manager. The company was originally located at 160 Lake Street, removed in 1925 to 305 State Street, and in 1930 was located at 199 East Washington Street. Its business extends within a radius of sixty miles of Elmira and the company handles 350 cars of produce annually. Twenty people are employed by the firm.

In 1908 Mr. Volker married Miss Lena F. Knapp, of Elmira, the daughter of Ora B. and Jennie E. (Fuller) Knapp. They were natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. Knapp died in 1919 and his widow lives at Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Volker have no children.

Mr. Volker is a member of the German Evangelical Church and belongs to Jesse E. Cooley Lodge, F. and A. M.; Elmira Chapter and Council; St. Omar Commandery; Corning Consistory at Corning; Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Masonic Club. He also belongs to the Kiwanis Club and Association of Commerce. Politically he is a Republican.



**William D. Milne**, who is identified with Milne's Memorial Studio, is among the dependable and widely known business men of Elmira. He was born at Aberdeen, Scotland, March 4, 1890, the son of George P. and Margaret (Dick) Milne.

George P. Milne is a well known business man of Springfield, Massachusetts, where he is interested in the granite and marble business as the proprietor of a monumental works. He was born in Scotland, as was his wife. She died in 1902 and is buried at Barre, Vermont. Mr. Milne was located at Barre, Vermont, for twenty-five years and was successful there as a builder of granite memorials. Mr. Milne is a Republican and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. To Mr. and Mrs. Milne were born the following children: 1. Mrs. Elizabeth Reed, lives at Springfield, Massachusetts. 2. William D., the subject of this sketch. 3. Mrs. Margaret Hayden, lives at Springfield, Massachusetts. 4. Mrs. Mary Oden, lives at Providence, Rhode Island. 5. Mrs. Christiana Nolan, lives at Springfield, Massachusetts. 6. Mrs. Jean Greenway, lives at Springfield, Massachusetts. 7. Grace, unmarried, lives at Springfield.

William D. Milne is a graduate of the public schools of Barre, Vermont. Until 1917 he was associated in business with his father and in that year enlisted in the U. S. Navy for service in the World War. He did convoy duty on the U. S. S. Michigan until the close of the war, and was discharged on July 6, 1919. Mr. Milne then became a traveling salesman for a granite business at Barre. He came to Elmira in 1927 and purchased the Woodlawn Monumental Works from J. L. Churchill. The business was reorganized as the Milne Memorial Studio and in 1932 was removed to its present location at 1105 Walnut Street. Mr. Milne is the local representative of the Rock of Ages Granite, and also handles various types of granite and marble. He is recognized as an authority on monumental designing and architecture.

On November 26, 1931, Mr. Milne was united in marriage with Miss Helen Fuller, of Elmira, the daughter of E. L. Fuller.

Politically, Mr. Milne is a Republican. He holds membership in the Granite Masonic Lodge No. 35, Barre, Vermont; Granite Chapter No. 26, R. A. M.; St. Aldemar Commandery No. 11, K. T.,

Barre; Cashmere Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., Elmira; Mt. Sinai Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Barre; Southern Tier Shrine Association; Masonic Club, Elmira; B. P. O. Elks No. 62; Century Club; Kiwanis Club; American Legion; and Association of Commerce.

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**Charles D. Stempfle**, electrical contractor, is a progressive business man of Elmira, where he was born June 13, 1890. He is the son of John D. and Belle (Seacord) Stempfle.

John D. Stempfle was born at Elmira and attended the public schools. He was construction foreman in the shops of the R. H. Walker Company for thirty-one years, and afterwards formed a partnership as a member of the firm of Ellett & Stempfle, plumbing and heating contractors. Mr. Stempfle died in October, 1926, and his wife died June, 1927. She was born at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Mr. Stempfle was a member of the Presbyterian Church and belonged to the Knights of Pythias. There were three sons in the Stempfle family: 1. Charles D., the subject of this sketch. 2. William S., lives at Bath, New York. 3. Robert M., lives at Elmira.

Charles D. Stempfle has always lived in Elmira. After his graduation from Elmira Free Academy he became identified with the C. A. Georgia Electric Company, with whom he remained for eleven years. Upon the death of Mr. Georgia, Mr. Stempfle opened a shop at 559½ East Church Street, in March, 1918. Two years later the business was removed to 105 West Water Street in the Merchants Bank Building, and in February, 1929, Mr. Stempfle purchased the Seeley property at Church and William streets. His place of business was destroyed by fire on May 11, 1930, but was immediately rebuilt with modern offices, display rooms, and stock rooms. Mr. Stempfle has an extensive business throughout Southern New York and Northern Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Association of Commerce and president of the Elmira Electrical League.

On July 17, 1915, Mr. Stempfle married Miss Laura Mann of Elmira, the daughter of Philip and Clara (Bump) Mann. Mr.



Mann, who died in 1913, was a native of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. He served during the Civil War as a member of Company K, Fifty-first Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He removed to Elmira in 1901 and conducted a retail leather business in this city until the time of his death. Mr. Mann was a member of the First Methodist Church and Grand Army of the Republic. His widow is a native of Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and resides at Elmira with her daughter, Mrs. Stempfle. Mr. and Mrs. Stempfle's only child, Marion, was born October 4, 1917, and died January 15, 1926.

Mr. Stempfle has the following lodge affiliations: Ivy Lodge No. 397, F. and A. M.; Elmira Chapter No. 42, R. A. M.; life member of Elmira Council, R. & S. M.; St. Omar Commandery No. 19, K. T.; Corning Consistory, thirty-second degree, A. A. R. S.; Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton; Cashmere Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., and Southern Tier Shrine Association; Masonic Club; B. P. O. Elks No. 62 and Loyal Order of Moose. He also belongs to the Kiwanis Club and the Y. M. C. A.

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**Eugene Custard.**—One of the most progressive business men of Elmira is Eugene Custard, who is president of the C. & K. Laundry, Inc., at 161 Lake Street. He was born at Bartonsville, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, January 10, 1867, the son of Samuel and Sarah (Slutter) Custard.

Samuel Custard and his wife were natives of Bartonsville, Pennsylvania. He was a farmer and lived in Pennsylvania throughout his life. He died in 1907 and his wife died in 1905. They are buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Monroe County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Custard was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Custard: 1. Martha Butterfield, who died in 1918. 2. Levi, who died in infancy. 3. Emma, married William Seipel, lives at Factoryville, Pennsylvania. 4. Dianna Beeman, who died in 1917. 5. Lydia Paxton, who died in 1922. 6. Lorenzo, who died in 1920. 7. Rev. Stewart, who died in 1896. 8. Mary Clara, who died in

infancy. 9. Elizabeth, who died in infancy. 10. Eugene, the subject of this sketch. 11. Ida Keller, lives at Philadelphia, Pa.

After his graduation from the public schools of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, Eugene Custard was employed in a tannery for ten years. In 1890 he formed a partnership with A. P. Musselman and engaged in the laundry business under the firm name of the Stroudsburg Laundry Company. In 1903 they established a branch at Chester, Pennsylvania, and at that time also became associated with Stephen B. Kistler, the business being known as the Chester Steam Laundry. Messrs. Custard and Kistler managed the Chester plant for a year and then disposed of it to Mr. Musselman. They then returned to Stroudsburg and continued to operate the Stroudsburg Laundry until 1898, at which time they dissolved partnership. In 1900 they again established a laundry business and located at Elmira. The laundry was removed to the Robinson building in 1902 and was conducted as the C. & K. Laundry. In 1919 they reorganized a co-partnership, taking with them Frederick B. Jones, a long-time employe of the firm, and Elmer J. Hoffman. The firm was incorporated in 1923 under the name of the Custard and Kistler, Inc. Mr. Custard was elected president, Mr. Kistler elected vice president and treasurer, Elmer J. Hoffman, secretary, with Frederick B. Jones and K. S. Kistler as directors.

In 1890 Mr. Custard was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Elizabeth Storm, of East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, the daughter of John R. and M. (Heller) Storm. The former died in 1881 and the latter in 1899. They are buried at Paradise, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Custard have no children.

Politically, Mr. Custard is a Republican. He is president of the board of trustees of Riverside Methodist Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with Ivy Lodge F. & A. M., Rotary Club, and Association of Commerce. He is a member of the Southern Tier Laundrymen's Association, which is affiliated with the New York State Laundrymen's Association and also belongs to the National Laundrymen's Association.

Mr. Custard devotes his spare time as a recreation in growing a very choice variety of hardy and tropical water lilies, and about



seventy-five varieties of very choice dahlias, keeping in touch with the late creations. These with other flowers are all grown at his beautiful gardens which he and Mrs. Custard jointly grow and enjoy.

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**Otto C. Vieweg**, who is assistant general manager of the Elmira Light & Railway Company, is one of the well known business men of the city. He was born at LaSalle, Illinois, January 29, 1896, the son of Rev. Rudolf and Emma (Klein) Vieweg.

Rev. Rudolf Vieweg, who is pastor of the German Evangelical Church in Elmira, is a native of Germany. In early youth he came to this country and settled in Illinois, where he was educated. He has been located in Elmira as pastor since 1906. His wife is also a native of Germany. Their children are: 1. Otto C., the subject of this sketch. 2. Mrs. Charles Marshall, lives at Newark, New Jersey. 3. Herman, lives at New Brunswick, New Jersey. 4. Walter, who holds a commission in the U. S. Navy. 5. Mrs. F. A. Riebel, lives at Columbus, Ohio.

Otto C. Vieweg obtained his education in the public schools of Buffalo and Elmira. He is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and received a degree in Civil Engineering at Cornell University in 1916. He then became identified with the Engineering Department of the Elmira Light & Railway Company, and in 1929 assumed his present duties as assistant general manager.

In August, 1918, Mr. Vieweg enlisted for service in the World War and was sent to Madison Barracks, New York. He was discharged in December of that year.

In 1921 Mr. Vieweg married Miss Florence Becker, of Elmira, the daughter of J. S. Becker, who resides in this city. His wife died in 1922 and is buried in Elmira. To Mr. and Mrs. Vieweg have been born three children: 1. Jean, born in 1923. 2. Eleanor, born in 1926. 3. Howard Arthur, born in 1928.

Mr. Vieweg is a director of the Y. M. C. A. and holds membership in the Kiwanis Club, Cornell Club, Elmira Country Club, and American Legion. He and his family live at 453 Cypress Street.

**George K. Bocknewich.** — Highly esteemed among the representative young business men of Elmira is George K. Bocknewich, who is president of the Elmira Builders Supply, Inc., of 101 East Chemung Place. He was born in this city, December 1, 1901, the son of A. R. and Elizabeth (Kingston) Bocknewich.

A. R. Bocknewich is a native of Elmira and his wife was born in Ireland. He was educated in the public schools of this city and until his retirement in 1927 was actively engaged in the contract painting business. He is a Democrat and a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Bocknewich were born five children, as follows: 1. Joseph J., a World War veteran, lives at Washington, D. C. 2. Anna Crowley, lives at Towanda, Pennsylvania. 3. Elizabeth P., unmarried, lives at home. 4. John W., a World War veteran, lives at Knoxville, Pennsylvania. 5. George K., the subject of this sketch.

George K. Bocknewich is a graduate of the Elmira grade and high schools and Meekers Business Institute. He has spent his entire business career with the Elmira Builders Supply Company and purchased his first interest in the business in 1921. He then served as secretary until 1924, at which time he became associated with G. F. Romer as sole owners of the enterprise, with Mr. Bocknewich as secretary and treasurer. In 1929 Mr. Romer died and Mr. Bocknewich continued as owner of the company until the following year when James H. Drake, original owner of the business, again became identified with it in partnership with Mr. Bocknewich. As mentioned above, Mr. Bocknewich is president, and Mr. Drake serves as secretary-treasurer.

In 1924 Mr. Bocknewich was united in marriage with Miss Ida J. Wood, of Elmira, the daughter of J. Norton and Maude (Wood) Wood. Both were born at Mansfield, Pennsylvania, and are now well known residents of Elmira, where Mr. Wood has served as mayor. Mr. and Mrs. Bocknewich have no children.

Mr. Bocknewich is a Democrat, a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and is affiliated with the Elk and Eagle lodges, Elmira Country Club, and Association of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Bocknewich live at 74 Larchmont Road, Elmira.



**William A. Shaffer.**—Outstanding among the able and successful young business men of Elmira is William A. Shaffer, who is treasurer of the LeValley-McLeod-Kincaid Company, wholesale dealers in heating, plumbing, gas, and oil well supplies, with branch offices at Schenectady and Olean, New York. He was born at Scalp Level, Pennsylvania, May 6, 1896, the son of Isaac and Susanna (Weaver) Shaffer.

Isaac Shaffer lives retired at Quakertown, Pennsylvania. Both he and his wife were born at Scalp Level and until 1906 Mr. Shaffer owned and operated a farm there. He then removed to Quakertown and since 1924 has been retired. He is a Republican and has served as school director and treasurer. He also was supervisor of Milford Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, for fifteen years and treasurer for seven years. He served as Republican county committeeman. Mr. Shaffer is a member of the Brethren Church. His wife died in June, 1925, and is buried at Quakertown. Their children were: 1. Mahlon, lives at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. 2. Ida, the widow of Milton Livingston, lives at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. 3. Minerva, married Irving Livingston, lives at Windber, Pennsylvania. 4. Emma, married Frank Seese, lives at Akron, Ohio. 5. Mary, married John H. Lehman, lives at Windber, Pennsylvania. 6. Rachel, married Walter J. Fox, lives at Quakertown, Pennsylvania. 7. Arthur, lives at Quakertown. 8. William A., the subject of this sketch. 9. Martha, married Glenn Holsinger, lives at Quakertown.

After his graduation from the public schools of Milford Township and attending high school at Quakertown, Pennsylvania, William A. Shaffer farmed for a time with his father and later attended a business college at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1915. He then was employed for two years as a bookkeeper by an automobile concern in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and later was connected with the offices of the Bethlehem Steel Company, at Steelton, Pennsylvania. He was transferred to the company's home offices at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and was connected with the auditing department as bookkeeper for six months, and as auditor until July 12, 1919, when he came to Elmira to enter the offices of LeValley-McLeod-Kincaid

Company as office manager. Two years later he was elected treasurer of the company. Their extensive business covers New York State, Northern Pennsylvania, as well as the New England States.

On June 10, 1921, Mr. Shaffer was united in marriage with Miss Alvina Bierwiler, of Elmira, the daughter of George and Caroline (Davis) Bierwiler, natives of Caton, New York. The former died in 1926 and the latter in 1929. They are buried in Elmira. To Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer were born three children: 1. William A., Jr., born June 26, 1923. 3. Robert Allan, born January 17, 1929. 3. Shirley Ann, born January 13, 1932.

Mr. Shaffer has always been a Republican. He is a member of Hedding Methodist Church, as well as a member of the official board and chairman of the finance committee, and he is affiliated with Jesse Cooley Lodge F. & A. M., of which he is an officer. He also is a member and past president of the Kiwanis Club, and lieutenant-governor of the Fourth Division of the New York State District comprising nine clubs, director of the Y. M. C. A., director of the Chamber of Commerce, vice-chairman of the advisory board of the Salvation Army, and past president of the Elmira Credit Men's Association. He is also president of the Elmira Supply Dealers Association.

Mr. Shaffer is one of the city's champion bowlers and has been president of the Elmira Church Bowling League, president of the Service Club Bowling League, treasurer of the Southern Tier Bowling League, and a member of the Kiwanis Club Bowling Team.

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**Floyd A. Atwater.**—Holding a place of prominence among the successful business men of Elmira and Central New York is Floyd A. Atwater, who is president of the El-Cor Dairies, of 401 Division Street. He was born on a farm near Horseheads, New York, October 13, 1875, the son of Willis and Catherine (Snyder) Atwater.

Willis Atwater was a native of Schuyler County, New York. He was educated in the district schools and engaged in general



farming until about 1870, at which time he located at Horseheads. He remained at that place until 1893 and two years later established a creamery business in Elmira at Grand Central Avenue and Division Street. For a time the creamery was known as the W. G. Atwater Company, and later as W. G. Atwater & Sons. After the death of the father the business was reorganized as Atwater Brothers. Until 1915 no sweet milk was sold by the Atwater concern, the creamery business consisting of butter, cheese and buttermilk. In 1915 Atwater Brothers bought out the local business of the Horseheads Creamery Company and the El-Cor Dairies of today was inaugurated. From the time the concern took up the sale of sweet milk the business increased by leaps and bounds.

Willis Atwater was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. There were five children born to Willis and Catherine (Snyder) Atwater: 1. Frank D., who is treasurer of the El-Cor Dairies. 2. Snyder P., who is vice president of El-Cor Dairies. A sketch of him appears elsewhere in this history. 3. Duane, who died in 1893 while a medical student at Northwestern University. 4. Clara Vanderzee, who died in 1930, buried at Trumansburg, New York. 5. Floyd A., the subject of this sketch.

Floyd A. Atwater attended a district school at Horseheads and also was a student at Grade School No. 4, in Elmira. He spent two years at Elmira Free Academy but due to ill health was obliged to forsake a desire to take up the study of medicine at Cornell University. As mentioned, he became interested in business with his father as founders of the present El-Cor Dairies. In 1926 a plant at Corning was built and the Elmira and Corning branches were incorporated as the El-Cor Dairies.

In 1899 Mr. Atwater married Miss Leona Kohn, of Elmira, the daughter of John Kohn, a native of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Atwater are the parents of five daughters: 1. Alta L., born in 1900, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy. She married Glenn H. Young, of Elmira and they have four children: Elizabeth, born in 1922; John, born in 1924; Marguerite, born in 1927; and Glenn H., Jr., born in 1931. 2. Dorothy, born December 31, 1901, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Rochester Dental School as a

dental hygienist. She married J. Norman Young, of this city, and they have a son, William Albert, born September 23, 1932. 3. Catherine A., born in 1903, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Rochester Dental School as a dental hygienist, now assistant to a dental surgeon at Patchogue, Long Island, New York. 4. Ermina, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, is now owner and proprietor of the "Book Nook," a book and stationery store at Patchogue, Long Island. 5. Bernice M., born November 17, 1912, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, now employed in the offices of El-Cor Dairies.

Mr. Atwater is a Republican and he served seven years as a commissioner of the Board of Health. He and his family are active members of Lake Street Presbyterian Church, and he is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 95, F. & A. M., Past Master in 1912; Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M.; trustee of Masonic Temple; and member of Southern Tier Lodge, I. O. O. F., Past Grand, and Chemung County Milk Dealers Association.

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**F. E. Sackett.**—One of the substantial citizens of Elmira, F. E. Sackett, also one of the city's leading financiers, has been identified with the banking interests here since 1888, and since 1916 has served as cashier of the Chemung Canal Trust Company. He was born at Elmira, July 22, 1855, the son of Caleb W. and Clarissa A. (Swartwood) Sackett.

Caleb W. Sackett was born at Spencer, Tioga County, July 24, 1819, and died March 9, 1869. His wife was a native of Cayuta, Schuyler County, born February 18, 1835. She died in 1907. Both are buried in Elmira. Throughout his life Mr. Sackett had various business interests in Central New York. He was a resident of Elmira from 1833 until the time of his death. He was a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Church. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Sackett was F. E., the subject of this sketch.

The Sackett family came to the United States from Bristol, England, in 1630, and settled in Central New York. The Swartwood family is of Holland Dutch descent and located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania about 1630.



F. E. Sackett has always lived in Elmira. He is a graduate of the local public schools and until 1872 was employed as a clerk in the grocery store of H. Hitchcock. He then spent a year with the Pittston & Elmira Coal Company, and in January, 1873, began his banking career with the Second National Bank in a clerical capacity. In June, 1888 he became identified with the Chemung Canal Bank as a teller and when the bank was merged with the Elmira Trust Company in 1910, the institution was reorganized as the Chemung Canal Trust Company. As mentioned above Mr. Sackett became cashier in 1916. The bank removed to its present location at 129 East Water Street in 1920.

On November 3, 1878, Mr. Sackett was united in marriage with Miss Emma Brown, of Varna, Tompkins County, who died August 25, 1930. She was the daughter of Jacob C. and Helen (Goodwin) Brown. Mr. Brown was born at Hector, New York, April 23, 1835, and died in 1905. His wife was a native of Ludlowville, Tompkins County, and died in 1870. Their children were: 1. Emma Sackett, born July 15, 1857. 2. J. Henry, born April 16, 1861, lives in Tompkins County. 3. Carrie Melissa, born January 13, 1864, died November 24, 1864. To Mr. and Mrs. Sackett was born a daughter, Nellie born August 30, 1879. She is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and married Henry Benjamin Cleveland, who is a descendant of Grover Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland are the parents of three daughters: 1. Virginia Sackett, born in 1902. 2. Margaret Sackett, born March 13, 1910, died July 5, 1930. 3. Mary Eleanor, born January 7, 1915.

Mr. Sackett is a Democrat and served as alderman of the 11th Ward from 1898 until 1901. He was the Democratic candidate for treasurer of Chemung County in the year of President McKinley's election, but was defeated for that office by 129 votes. He was also the unsuccessful candidate for city chamberlain on two occasions. Mr. Sackett is an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church and has held membership in the Century Club of Elmira for thirty years. He lives in the family residence at 825 West Water Street.

**Randolph E. Decker**, widely known realtor and builder, with offices at 1462 West Water Street, is one of the substantial citizens of Elmira. He was born at Burlington, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1886, the son of James B. and Frances (Johnson) Decker.

James B. Decker and his wife were born in Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and spent their lives in that section. He died in 1912 and his wife died in 1888. They are buried at Burlington. Mr. Decker was a Republican, and held membership in the Methodist Church. He had served throughout the Civil War as a member of Company D, 161st New York Volunteer Infantry and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. There were seven children in the Decker family: 1. Minnie, married J. Lee McKean, lives at Elmira. 2. Curtis, who died in 1881. 3. Cortland H., builder and contractor, lives at Elmira. 4. Cora, who died in 1895. 5. Wilmot. 6. Ella, the widow of Jerome Alexander, lives at Elmira. 7. Randolph E., the subject of this sketch.

Randolph E. Decker grew up in Bradford County and attended the public schools at Burlington for several years. He also was a student at the Soldiers Orphans School, at Hartford, Pennsylvania and Soldiers Orphans School, at Uniontown, Pennsylvania. For a number of years he conducted a business at East Bloomfield, New York, and during the World War was employed by the Curtiss Airplane Company at Hammondsport, New York. In the latter part of 1918 he located at Elmira and spent one year in the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Mr. Decker then became interested in the building business and also developed several important allotments in the city. His latest undertaking is Decker Parkway, which is located on the site of the old Federal prison. He has built more than 300 of the city's finest residences and has also completed contracts for several churches, schools, and business blocks. In 1931 he was also interested in the development of gas wells at Wayne, New York, where he owns three producing wells at the present time. In 1925-26 Mr. Decker developed an allotment at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. Decker married (first) in 1906, Miss Ada Ward, of East Troy, New York, the daughter of William and Dorliska (Gam-



mage) Ward. Both are deceased. To Randolph E. and Ada (Ward) Decker were born three children: 1. Helena F., born in 1909, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Cazenovia Seminary. She married Theodore Wynne, of Canton, Pennsylvania, and they have a daughter, Elizabeth Jean. They live at Williamsport, Pennsylvania. 2. Ellsworth W., born in 1910, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Cazenovia Seminary. He also studied engineering through the International Correspondence Schools and is now identified with his father's business interests in Elmira. He married Miss Gracia Sherman, of Elmira. 3. James, who died in infancy. Ada (Ward) Decker died in 1916, and is buried at East Bloomfield, New York. Mr. Decker married (second) in 1917 Miss Florence Becker, of East Bloomfield, New York, the daughter of Joseph and Emma (Bates) Becker. Mr. Becker resides at Canandaigua, New York. His wife died in 1928.

Mr. Decker is a Republican, a member of the Centenary Methodist-Episcopal Church, and belongs to Elmira Heights Lodge, F. & A. M.; Queen City Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Kiwanis Club; Brooklyn Club; Elmira Gun Club; and Association of Commerce.

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**Henry P. Brill.**—Active and progressive in Elmira is Henry P. Brill, who is manager of the Westinghouse Electric Supply Company, Inc. He was born at Rochester, New York, October 25, 1900, the son of Henry F. and Caroline (Elias) Brill.

Henry F. Brill was born in Germany and is now a resident of Rochester, New York. His wife is a native of Holland. Mr. Brill is a lithographer and has followed that trade in the city of Rochester for many years. He is a Republican, and holds membership in the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Brill were born two sons: 1. Arthur J., a World War veteran, served in France as a sergeant at Base Hospital No. 19, Vichy, France. He is now identified with the New York City offices of the Westinghouse Electric Supply Company, Inc. 2. Henry P., the subject of this sketch.

Henry P. Brill was reared and educated at Rochester, and as a young man entered the offices of the Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation. Two years later he went with the Rochester Electric Supply Company and remained in that company's employ for thirteen years. He traveled as a salesman for the company from 1918 until 1927, and in the latter year was appointed manager of the radio wholesale sales department. On January 1, 1929, the company purchased the interests of the Southern Tier Electric Supply Company, and the business was reorganized as the Elmira Electrical Supply Company, with Mr. Brill as vice president and manager. The firm was taken over by the Westinghouse Supply Company, in March, 1930, and has since been known as the Westinghouse Electric Supply Company, Inc. In the latter year Mr. Brill was re-appointed manager. Main offices of the company are at 150 Varick Street, New York City.

On June 30, 1931, Mr. Brill was united in marriage with Miss Mary Linehan, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the daughter of John and Mary (O'Hearn) Linehan. The father is deceased and the mother resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. To Mr. and Mrs. Brill one child was born, Thomas Henry Brill, born August 6, 1932.

Mr. Brill is a member of the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, and is affiliated with Rochester Lodge No. 943, F. & A. M., B. P. O. Elks of Rochester, Elmira Country Club, and Association of Commerce. He is also a member of the executive committee of the Radio Retailers Association, and belongs to the Electrical League of Elmira.

Mr. and Mrs. Brill live at 1722 West Church Street, Elmira.

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**Edwin Andrews Thomas**, who has engaged in business in Elmira for more than thirty years, as the proprietor of a monumental works at 1116 Walnut Street, is recognized as one of the city's progressive and dependable merchants. He was born in Schuyler County, New York, April 14, 1866, the son of Loren G. and Clara (Ideson) Thomas.

Loren G. Thomas was born at North Reading, New York. He was a graduate of Starkey Seminary and attended college at



Lima, New York. He then became a clerk in the law offices of Smith, Boardman & Fassett, of Elmira, and after his admission to the bar he became interested in the newspaper business for three years. Mr. Thomas died at Watkins Glen, New York, in 1884, and his wife died April 20, 1925. He was independent in politics and for many years served as school commissioner of Schuyler County. He was a member of the Universalist Church. There were two children in the Thomas family: 1. Edwin Andrews, the subject of this sketch. 2. Lola, the widow of William J. Corwin, lives at Newark, New Jersey.

Edwin Andrews Thomas was reared and educated at Watkins Glen. He later went west for a time and located in Elmira in 1892. At that time he became a salesman in the employ of A. W. Ayers & Son, monument dealers. He remained with that concern for six years, and in 1898 established a business of his own in this city.

Politically Mr. Thomas is independent. He is unmarried.

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**Walter Scott Weismann.**—Among Elmira's representative citizens is Walter S. Weismann, who is manager of the National Biscuit Company in this territory, with offices at 604 William Street. He was born in New York City, December 2, 1883, the son of Louis F. and Emma Cecelia (Kiddle) Weismann.

Louis F. Weismann was born in New York City, and died there January 9, 1932. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York. His wife, also a native of New York City, died August 11, 1929. He was educated in the public schools and became a registered pharmacist. His father, Augustus F. Weismann, had established the first German drug store in New York City, located at Broome and Orchard streets. The son later became the proprietor of three drug stores, and also was extensively interested in the real estate business. He built the first apartment building there and it was located at West End Avenue, Broadway and 106th Street. Mr. Weismann retired in 1918 and removed to Spring Valley, New York. He was a Republican, and

a prominent member of the Episcopal Church. He also was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge. His wife was organist for many years in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Both were accomplished artists and widely known in musical circles. To Louis F. and Emma C. (Kiddle) Weismann were born three children: 1. Harry L., merchant, lives at Trenton, New Jersey. 2. Amy C., lives at Spring Valley, New York. 3. Walter Scott, the subject of this sketch.

Walter Scott Weismann attended the public schools of New York City and for ten years was associated with Herter Bros., interior decorators, 5th Avenue and 35th Street. He then in 1908 became identified with the National Biscuit Company as a special sales representative out of the New York City office. Later, he was transferred to Elmira in a sales capacity and in 1914 was made manager of the local office, in which office he served until October, 1929. At that time he was promoted to sales supervisor in charge of sales in Elmira, Binghamton, Olean, Jamestown, New York, Erie, Pennsylvania and Oil City, Pennsylvania. On June 1, 1931, the position of sales supervisor was abolished by the company and Mr. Weismann had the opportunity of becoming assistant district manager in several cities or manager of the Elmira offices. He chose the latter due to the fact that his home and family had been established in this city.

On October 14, 1910, Mr. Weismann was united in marriage with Miss Nellie D. Lihou, the daughter of Peter and Nellie (McGroaty) Lihou, the former a native of the Isle of Guernsey and the latter of St. Paul, Minnesota. He lives retired at Brooklyn, New York, and his wife died in 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Weismann have two sons: 1. Walter Scott, Jr., born December 29, 1911, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, now a student at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. He is a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity, and has been awarded a scholarship. 2. Kenneth, born May 25, 1915, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, class of 1933.

Politically, Mr. Weismann is a Republican. He is a member of Hedding Methodist Church, and is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club.



Henry F. Kiddle, maternal grandfather of Mr. Weismann, was a prominent pioneer citizen of New York City, and widely known as an author. He revised Anderson's History of the United States, as well as Brown's English Grammar. For several years he was superintendent of schools in New York City.

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**Dennis J. Reagan.**—One of the representative and highly successful business men of Elmira and Central New York is Dennis J. Reagan, who is identified with Walsh & Reagan's Furniture Store, at 139 East Water Street. He was born at Elmira, January 24, 1871, the son of Thomas and Margaret (Hurley) Reagan.

Thomas Reagan was a native of Ireland, as was his wife. He emigrated to this country in early youth and located at Elmira, where he spent many years in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He died in 1890 and his wife died in 1917. They are buried in Elmira. They were members of the Catholic Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Reagan the following children were born: 1. John H. 2. Patrick. 3. Dennis J., the subject of this sketch. 4. Mary, died in 1924, was the wife of Charles Zimmerman. 5. Nellie, married Richard Verian, lives at Elmira.

Dennis J. Reagan grew up in Elmira, where he received his education. He spent the first ten years of his business career in the store of Albert Samuels, carpet and rug dealer, of Elmira, and then was associated for five years with Hylan & Brown, rugs and carpets. When the latter firm retired from business W. Fish purchased the stock and Mr. Reagan continued with him for seven months. He then went with J. P. & M. Sullivan for two years, and during the following four years was associated with the Reynolds Bros. Department Store in Elmira. He subsequently returned to the store of Albert Samuels as buyer and in 1914, upon the death of Mr. Samuels, he purchased the business in partnership with Michael J. Walsh, and the firm continued until the death of Mr. Walsh in November, 1928. In that year Mr. Reagan became sole owner of the business although he retained the firm name. The

store is the finest furniture store in this section of Central New York and handles high grade merchandise exclusively. They are also dealers in rugs, linoleum, shades, etc. An annex is located at 314-20 Carroll Street, with warehouse facilities at 72-78 Pennsylvania Avenue. The company's business extends within a radius of 100 miles of the city and the store is also patronized widely in the city.

In 1917 Mr. Reagan was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Yenger, of Elmira, the daughter of Bertram Yenger, a native of Germany. He died in 1927 and his wife died the following year. Mr. and Mrs. Reagan have two daughters: 1. Helen E., born in 1918, attends Elmira Free Academy. 2. Kathryn M., born in 1920.

Politically, Mr. Reagan is a Democrat. He is a member of the Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Elk and Eagle lodges, Association of Commerce, and Business Men's Association. The family lives at 378 West Church Street.

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**C. Harry Gilfether.**—One of the better known business men of Elmira is C. Harry Gilfether, who is general agent in this district for the Union Central Life Insurance Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born at Avoca, Luzerne County, November 17, 1888, the son of James Edward and Mary (Reed) Gilfether.

James Edward Gilfether was born at Pittston, Pennsylvania. During his early life he lived at Syracuse and Cohoes, New York, and for twenty years successfully engaged in the furniture business at Scranton, Pennsylvania. He died there March 9, 1921. Mr. Gilfether was a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. His widow was born at Pittston and now resides at Allentown, Pennsylvania. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilfether: 1. Ida Lloyd, who died December 24, 1900. 2. Nellie, married Conrad S. Watson. She died April 22, 1932 and he is also deceased. 3. Marion, died in infancy. 4. Mrs. A. C. Haight lives at Los Angeles, California. 5. Mrs. Charles Crandall, lives at Allentown, Pennsylvania. 6. Mrs.



Harry Koch, lives at Allentown, Pennsylvania. 7. Mrs. Cora Evans, lives in New York City. 8. Mrs. M. A. Lloyd, lives at Allentown. 9. C. Harry, the subject of this sketch. 10. Mrs. R. D. Jones, lives at Newton, New Jersey.

C. Harry Gilfether attended the public schools of Wyoming, Pennsylvania. He spent four years as an apprentice plumber at Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania and in 1912 went to New York City to attend the New York Trade School, where he studied sanitary engineering and drawing. He then located at Corning, New York as a master plumber. On February 22, 1915 he became an agent for the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company at Corning, New York. May 9, 1916 he came to Elmira and with P. E. Young, at that time was general agent for the Union Central Life Insurance Company. On September 25, 1917, Mr. Gilfether enlisted for service in the World War and was sent to Camp Dix, New Jersey. Later he was transferred to Camp Gordon, Georgia, and then to Camp Upton, Long Island. His company sailed for overseas duty May 1, 1918, and participated in many important engagements of the war, including the Battle of St. Mehiel, Meuse-Argonne Drive, and Toule defensive. He was honorably discharged from the service May 29, 1919, as a corporal and in June resumed his connection with the Union Central Life Insurance Company. Upon the death of Mr. Young on February 26, 1926, Mr. Gilfether assumed the duties of general agent.

On September 5, 1925, Mr. Gilfether married Miss Florence Brough, of Hammondsport, New York, the daughter of Arthur E. and Mina (McCoy) Brough. Mr. Brough and his wife were born in Canada. He died in 1912 and she resides at Hammondsport. Mr. and Mrs. Gilfether have no children. She is a graduate of Columbia University, class of 1922, and was a member of the faculty of Elmira College for two and one-half years, being a teacher of Home Economics. She is president of Elmira Sorosis Club.

Mr. Gilfether is a Republican and is a former county committeeman. He is a prominent member of Lake Street Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Rotary Club, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Association of Commerce. His

lodge affiliations are: Montour Lodge, No. 168, F. & A. M., Painted Post, life member; Corning Chapter, No. 190, R. A. M., Corning Council, No. 53, R. & S. M., Corning Consistory 32nd degree, A. A. S. R., Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. and B. P. O. Elks, No. 1071. He is also a director of the Salvation Army and is a director of the Y. M. C. A.

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**Henry L. Schott.**—A substantial citizen, highly esteemed in the community, is Henry L. Schott, who is manager of Armour & Company, 508 State Street, Elmira. He was born at Rochester, New York, December 25, 1873, the son of John and Mary Louise Schott.

John Schott and his wife were natives of Germany. He emigrated to this country shortly after his marriage and the family settled at Rochester, New York, where Mr. Schott followed his trade as a cooper. In 1875 he removed to Gates, near Rochester, and owned and operated a farm there during the remainder of his life. He died in 1901 and his wife died in 1896. They are buried in Rochester. Mr. Schott was a Republican and held membership in the German Evangelical Church. There were nine children in the Schott family, as follows: 1. Charles, who died in 1918. 2. Lena, the wife of Jacob Kern, lives in Rochester. 3. George, retired, lives at Detroit, Michigan. 4. Alice, who died in 1923. 5. Louise Archer, lives at Rochester. 6. Mrs. Nettie Dietrich, lives at Rochester. 7. Carrie, lives in California. 8. Edward, who died in California in 1918. 9. Henry L., the subject of this sketch.

Henry L. Schott attended the public schools of Gates, New York and assisted his father in his farming and cattle interests. As a young man he entered the employ of Armour & Company in Chicago as a delivery boy. Later, he was connected with the company's branches at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Norfolk, Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, and Chester, Pennsylvania, in a sales capacity. He then spent almost four years as manager of the branch at Chester, Pennsylvania, and in August, 1905, he returned to Elmira as manager, in which capacity he now serves.



In 1897 Mr. Schott married (first) Miss Lulu Joslin, of Rochester, who died in 1904, and is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Rochester. She was the daughter of J. H. and Mary Anne Joslin, natives of England, both now deceased. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schott: 1. Stella Irene, born in 1898, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, married John A. Rouch, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and they have three daughters: Ruth, born in 1925; Stella Joan, born in 1931; and Martha Jane, born in 1929. They live at Hot Springs. 2. Ruth Virginia, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, married A. T. Cummings, lives at Mexico City, Mexico. 3. Henry L., Jr., a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, lives at Elmira. He married Miss Margaret Neilan, and they have two sons, Henry Louis, III, and Charles Everett.

Mr. Schott married (second) in 1905 a sister of his first wife, Violet Joslin, of Rochester. To this union were born eight children: 1. John Joslin, born 1907, deceased. 2. Viola L., born in 1908. She is a graduate of South Side High School, and Arnot Ogden Hospital, Elmira. 3. Alice Elaine, born in 1909. She is a graduate of South Side High School, Elmira, and Arnot Ogden Hospital. She married Manley Thompson, and lives at Elmira. 4. Everett W., born in 1912, a graduate of South Side High School, attends college. 5. Charles J., born in 1914, a graduate of South Side High School. 6. Robert O., born 1916. Deceased. 7-8. George E. and Simeon H., twins, born in 1918.

Mr. Schott is a Republican, a member of the First Church of Christ Disciple, and is affiliated with Ivy Lodge F. & A. M., and Cashmere Grotto. He also belongs to the Chemung County Rod and Gun Club.

Mr. Schott and his family live at 207 West Hudson Street, Elmira.

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**Burt E. Sweet.**—Numbered among the widely known and dependable business men of Elmira is Burt E. Sweet, who is vice president and treasurer of Sweet & Van Houten Company, Inc., wall paper and paint dealers, located at 210 West Gray Street. He was born at Rutland, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, September 14, 1879, the son of Edward and Elizabeth (Soper) Sweet.

Edward Sweet and his wife were born in Tioga County, Pennsylvania. He was a harness maker by trade and located in Elmira in 1881, where he was employed as a cabinet and pattern maker. He is still a resident of this city. Mr. Sweet is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. He was one of the founders of the carpenters' union in this city in 1899. His wife died in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Sweet had two children: 1. Burt E., the subject of this sketch. 2. Kathryn, who died in 1890.

Burt E. Sweet is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, class of 1898, and in the same year he enlisted in the U. S. Army and served as a member of Company L, Third New York Infantry, during the Spanish-American War. After his discharge Mr. Sweet returned to Elmira and was employed in the offices of the Standard Accounting Company, now the American Sales Book Company, and he remained with that firm for two years. He then entered the Second National Bank in 1902 as a bookkeeper, later became teller, and remained with that institution until 1911, at which time he organized the F. C. Lewis Company, Inc., in partnership with F. C. Lewis. They were dealers in paints and wall-papers and also did sign and bulletin work. After ten years Mr. Sweet became sole owner of the enterprise and soon after formed a new partnership with Charles H. Van Houten, under the firm name of Sweet & Van Houten Company, Inc. The officers are: Fred LeValley, president; Charles H. Van Houten, secretary; and Mr. Sweet vice president and treasurer.

Mr. Sweet was married (first) in 1902 to Miss Minnie E. Fuller, of Elmira, who died in 1905. She was the daughter of Fred and Mary E. (Eaton) Fuller, of Elmira. The former died in 1902 and the latter resides at Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Sweet had no children. Mr. Sweet married (second) Miss Helen E. Maltby, of Corning, New York, the daughter of Jerome B. and M. (Muir) Maltby, natives of New York. Mr. Maltby died in 1912 and his wife died in 1885. They are buried in Corning. To Burt E. and Helen E. (Maltby) Sweet were born two sons: 1. Jerome E., born in 1916, attends Elmira Free Academy. 2. Edward M., born in 1920.



Mr. Sweet is a Republican, a member of the First Baptist Church, and belongs to the Rotary Club, Association of Commerce, and Chemung County Rod and Gun Club. His lodge affiliations are: Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. & A. M.; Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M.; Southern Tier Council, No. 16, R. & S. M.; St. Omars Commandery, No. 19, K. T.; Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton; and Cashmere Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R. He also holds membership in E. M. Hoffman Post, Spanish War Veterans Camp No. 40.

The Sweet family lives at 1236 West Water Street, Elmira.

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**Major Hubert E. Snyder**, who is Vice President and General Manager of the Shelt Company, is among Elmira's successful business men, and is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Sharpsburg, Maryland, April 28, 1885, the son of Jacob and Annie E. (Nichols) Snyder.

Jacob Snyder was born on a farm near Sharpsburg, and died there in 1924. He was a carpenter by trade and became successful as a building contractor. Mr. Snyder was a Democrat and a member of the Reformed Church. His widow was born at Brownsville, Maryland, and lives at Hagerstown. They had two sons: 1. Harry R., lives at Hagerstown. 2. Hubert E., the subject of this sketch.

Hubert E. Snyder is a graduate of the public schools of Sharpsburg and attended Shepherd College, at Shepherdstown, West Virginia. After his graduation he entered the University of West Virginia, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1909. The following year he was sent to the Canal Zone, Panama, as general foreman of construction on the Gatun Locks, and remained there until March, 1913. He then located at Logan, West Virginia, as a mining engineer, and on September 2, 1917, entered the army for service in the World War. He served as a captain in the engineering corps and was stationed in Washington, D. C., until the time of his discharge, March 1, 1919. Later he reentered the Reserve Corps of the Army

and holds a commission in the grade of Major Engineer Reserve. Major Snyder then located at Parkersburg, West Virginia, as division engineer for the State Highway Department, and in December, 1929, completed his work in that capacity. He came to Elmira in April, 1930, as treasurer of the Shelt Company, manufacturers of corrugated metal pipe. In November, 1930, he was made vice president and general manager. Offices and plant are located at 739 Baldwin Street. Major Snyder is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Society of American Military Engineers.

On March 20, 1913, Major Snyder married Miss Lydia Alice Beeler, of Bluffton, Indiana, the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Heckathorn) Beeler. Mr. Beeler died in 1899, and his wife died in 1928. They are buried at Bluffton. To Major and Mrs. Snyder have been born three children: 1. Robert Clerc, born April 24, 1915, attends Elmira Free Academy. 2. Elizabeth Anne, born July 21, 1916, attends Elmira Free Academy. 3. Mary Alice, born November 14, 1917, attends Elmira Free Academy.

Major Snyder and his family are members of Trinity P. E. Church, and he holds membership in the Masonic Lodge. In college he was a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. He is a Democrat.

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**Robert J. DeLaney.**—One of the successful young business men of Elmira is Robert J. DeLaney, who is identified with the DeLaney-Reynolds Company of 158 West Third Street. He was born in this city, January 28, 1905, the son of William J. and Alice L. (Mahoney) DeLaney.

William J. DeLaney and his wife are natives of Elmira. He was educated in public school No. 3 and began his business career as a bookkeeper in the offices of the International Harvester Company. A few years later he became general manager of the T. Briggs & Co., and served in that capacity for fifteen years. He then purchased the interests of the Elmira Oil Company, with which he was identified until his retirement in 1927. Mr. DeLaney



is a Democrat and for a number of terms has served as alderman of the First Ward. He and his wife are members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and Elks Lodge. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. DeLaney: 1. Robert J., the subject of this sketch. 2. Marion, a graduate of Rosemont College, Philadelphia, now is employed by the Board of Education of Elmira.

Robert J. DeLaney is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, spent one year at Mercersburg Academy, and for three years was a student at Cornell University. He then located in New York City with the Bradstreet Company, and four years later returned to Elmira. At that time he became associated with Frank B. Reynolds in the organization of the DeLaney-Reynolds Company. They are dealers in heating equipment, oil burners, and electrical refrigerators. Their business extends throughout seven counties in Southern New York and Northern Pennsylvania.

In April, 1930, Mr. DeLaney married Miss Dorothy Brand, the daughter of John Herbert and Bertha (Baker) Brand, of Elmira. They have two children, Robert J., Jr., born February 3, 1931, and Barbara Brand, born June 3, 1932.

Mr. DeLaney is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and belongs to B. P. O. Elks, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Elmira Minute Men's Club, Association of Commerce, and Cornell Alumni Association, Elmira Golf and Country Club.

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**Robert Roy Schmidt, D. D. S.**—During the thirty years that he has been established in practice at Elmira, Dr. Robert R. Schmidt has proven his skill and ability as a dental surgeon. He was born at Ilion, New York, November 22, 1876, the son of John V. and Katherine (Seibert) Schmidt.

John V. Schmidt was born in Germany and at the age of eighteen years emigrated to this country and settled at Newark, Ohio, in 1855. After several years he located at Ilion, New York, and became identified with the banking interests of that city as vice president of the Ilion National Bank. He was serving in that

capacity at the time of his death in 1914. Mr. Schmidt was a Republican and held the office of trustee and president of the Village Board. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a thirty-second degree Mason. His wife was born in Germany and died in 1912. They are buried at Ilion. To Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt were born ten children: 1. Louise, the widow of Dr. R. W. Warner. 2. Frederick, who died in infancy. 3. Charles, who died in 1886. 4. Dr. John, a dentist, who died in 1922. 5. Edward, who died in 1884. 6. William, mechanical engineer, graduate of Cornell University, class of 1890. 7. Frank, lawyer, and vice president of the Ilion National Bank, graduate of Cornell University. 8. Robert Roy, the subject of this sketch. 9. Theodore, publisher. 10. Fatanitza Bennett. All are residents of Ilion with the exception of Mrs. Bennett who lives at Albany.

Robert Roy Schmidt acquired his early education in the public schools of Ilion and was graduated from Ilion Academy in 1894. He then entered the University of Buffalo, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1899. He spent four years as an associate of Dr. D. O. Merrick, at Blossburg, Pennsylvania, and located in Elmira in 1903. He maintains his office at his residence, 272 Baldwin Street, which has been occupied by members of the dental and medical profession continuously since its erection in 1827.

On May 15, 1900, Dr. Schmidt married Miss Vera Crandal, of Blossburg, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Dr. G. D. and Anna (Hoyt) Crandal, natives of Pennsylvania. Dr. Crandal died in 1911, and his wife died in August, 1931. Doctor and Mrs. Schmidt have three children: 1. Robert Crandal, born August 15, 1901. He is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Bowman Technical School at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He is engaged in the jewelry business at Penn Yan. He married Miss Eunice Wallace of Mt. Morris, New York. 2. Katherine Vera, born in 1904, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, and attended Wilson College at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of Leland Powers School at Boston, Massachusetts. She married Dr. Edward H. Rockey, dentist, who is a graduate of Harvard University, and they have a son, Edward H., Jr. They live at Forest Hills, New



York. 3. Louise Pauline, born in 1907, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, and Loretto Academy at Niagara Falls, Ontario. She is a graduate of the nursing school at Clifton Springs Sanitarium and has taken graduate work in the New York Polyclinic Hospital, and the Toronto General Hospital.

Doctor Schmidt is a Republican, a member of Park Congregational Church, and belongs to Ivy Lodge, F. and A. M., and Xi Psi Phi fraternity. He also belongs to the American Dental Association. The family has a summer home at Glenora, Yates County, where Doctor Schmidt has served as treasurer of the water board.

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**William D. Lockwood**, who is proprietor of the Silver Dollar Dry Cleaners, of 214 West Gray Street, is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Brooklyn, New York, April 6, 1892, the son of Joseph D. and Florence E. (Armstrong) Lockwood.

Joseph D. Lockwood was a native of Brooklyn and his wife was born at Long Eddy, New York. He was educated in the public schools and for several years was employed in New York City as a bookkeeper. He later located at Miami, Florida, and remained for twenty-four years in the employ of the Florida East Coast Railway Company. At the time of his death in 1928 he was living in Elmira. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn. Mr. Lockwood was a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Woodmen of the World. His widow lives at Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood had two sons: 1. William D., the subject of this sketch. 2. Charles A., lives at Elmira.

The education of William D. Lockwood was received in the public schools of Brooklyn. As a young man he was employed by Browning, King & Company, New Amsterdam Casualty Company, William S. Kinzey & Co., of New York City, and Eastern District Savings Bank, of Brooklyn, New York. He later located at Binghamton, where he spent twenty-six years in the restaurant business. Since June, 1929, Mr. Lockwood has been a resident of Elmira and at that time established his present business.

Mr. Lockwood enlisted for service in the World War, October 7, 1917, and was sent to Camp Sherman, Ohio. He was later transferred to Camp Dix, New Jersey, and soon after sailed for overseas duty. He took part in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in September, 1918, and at the close of the war served in Germany with the Army of Occupation. He received his discharge July 9, 1919.

On November 11, 1922, Mr. Lockwood was united in marriage with Miss Edna Schoonover, of West Pittston, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Franklin J. and Margaret B. (Jay) Schoonover. They are natives of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, respectively, and reside at Kirkwood, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood two sons have been born: 1. William D., Jr., born in September, 1925. 2. Franklin J., born in June, 1927. Both are talented young musicians. Mrs. Lockwood is a graduate of Moody Institute at Chicago, and is an accomplished musician. She is actively identified with the junior choir of the First Baptist Church, Elmira.

Mr. Lockwood is a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church. He belongs to the Lions Club and the American Legion.

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**Harry D. Woolf.**—Among the enterprising and progressive business men of Elmira is Harry D. Woolf, who is treasurer of the Harris, McHenry & Baker Company, lumber dealers. He is a native of this city, born April 21, 1885, the son of Orlando C. and Ella M. (Baker) Woolf.

Orlando C. Woolf, who died in 1915, was a native of Chemung County. Throughout his life he was interested in the hardware business, being associated with the firm of Wagner & Woolf, at Lake and Water streets, Elmira. He was a Republican and held the office of game warden in this section. Mr. Woolf was a member of Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. and A. M.; Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M.; St. Omar Commandery, No. 19, K. T. His wife was born at Elmira and died in 1915. Both are buried in this city. They had two sons: 1. Louis H., lives at Elmira. 2. Harry D., the subject of this sketch.

Harry D. Woolf is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, class of 1904. He then entered the employ of the Harris, McHenry &



Baker Company as an office boy, later became a stenographer, and in 1912 was elected treasurer of the company.

In 1915 Mr. Woolf was united in marriage with Miss Mabel E. Phillips, of Lewiston, Pennsylvania, the daughter of George W. and Eva (Woolf) Phillips. The former, a native of Wales, resides in Elmira. The latter was born in this city and died in 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Woolf have two children: 1. Phyllis A., born February 18, 1919. 2. Harvey Raymond, born December 2, 1921.

George Raymond Phillips, a brother of Mrs. Woolf, served as an aviator in France during the World War, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for valor at the front. He was killed in an air plane crash in Texas in 1920, while serving in the U. S. Army. He is buried in Elmira.

Mr. Woolf is a Republican and is a member of the City Planning Commission. He holds membership in Park Congregational Church, Ivy Lodge No. 397, F. and A. M., Cashmere Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R.; Chemung County Rod and Gun Club, and Association of Commerce.

Mr. Woolf and his family live at 814 Maple Avenue, and also have a summer home on Keuka Lake, near Penn Yan.

The Woolf family were pioneers of the Chemung Valley. The first of the Woolf family settled here immediately after Colonel Hendy, who had a regiment in the Revolutionary War.

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**Rev. Myron J. Smith**, who is superintendent of the Elmira Home for the Aged, has long been identified with institutional work in Central New York, where he is widely known. He was born in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, October 29, 1868, the son of Amaziah A. and Rebecca (Gordinier) Smith.

Amaziah A. Smith, who died in 1907, was a veteran of the Civil War. He was born in Massachusetts and spent his early life there on a farm. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted and served with a company of the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Later he purchased a farm in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, and in 1892 removed to Binghamton, New York, where he spent

the remainder of his life in the employ of the D. L. & W. Railroad. He was a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Church. He also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Grand Army of the Republic. His wife was born at Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1890. They are buried at Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born four children: 1. Leslie, retired, lives at Los Angeles. 2. Myron J., the subject of this sketch. 3. Mrs. W. D. Mace, lives at Binghamton, New York. 4. B. L., lives at Binghamton.

Myron J. Smith was reared on a farm near Binghamton and attended the district schools. As a young man he became interested in the Y. M. C. A., and spent several years as assistant secretary at Binghamton. He then came to Elmira in the same capacity for five years, after which he engaged in religious work as an evangelist. He managed a tabernacle and conducted meetings in this city for fifteen years, and during the World War became associated with the Central Y. M. C. A. here as dormitory secretary. Four years later he was appointed assistant pastor of Hedding Methodist Church under Rev. E. E. Meering, and remained in that office for seven years. Since September, 1930, he has been connected with the Elmira Home for the Aged as superintendent. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Elmira Ministers Association.

Rev. Smith was married (first) in 1892 to Miss Anabel Stalker, of Binghamton, who died in 1925. She was the daughter of William H. and Alice (Riley) Stalker, natives of Dutchess County, New York, and England, respectively. They are deceased. Reverend and Mrs. Smith's only child is Anna R., born in 1895. She is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Methodist Hospital Training School at Brooklyn, New York. After fifteen years as a general nurse in Elmira she is now taking a graduate course in Orthopedic nursing in Brooklyn.

Rev. Smith married (second) in September, 1929, Alma (Rousie) Hillman, of Elmira, who died on March 13, 1930. She had been identified with the Elmira Home for the Aged as matron for twenty-one years.



Rev. Smith is a Republican. He is a member of the official board of Hedding Methodist Church, and for a number of years has been a member of its male quartette.

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**Malcolm J. Wilson** is well and favorably known in Elmira, where he was formerly secretary of the Association of Commerce and is secretary of the Rotary Club and Elmira Traffic Club. He was born at Deposit, Broome County, November 11, 1883, the son of John M. and Donna (Kelsey) Wilson.

John M. Wilson was born in Delaware County and his wife was a native of Broome County. She died in 1909 and is buried at Deposit, New York. He was a carpenter for many years and also served as chief of police at Deposit, New York, as well as deputy sheriff of Delaware County. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Red Men. Mr. Wilson lives retired in Elmira. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson was Malcolm J., the subject of this sketch.

The boyhood of Malcolm J. Wilson was spent at Deposit, where he attended the public schools. After his graduation from high school he spent two years at Syracuse University, where he specialized in the study of fine arts. Mr. Wilson then was interested in advertising and was identified with the following magazines: "Outing," "Textile Manufacturers Journal," "Literary Digest," and "Associated Farm Publications." During eight years in the newspaper and advertising field, Mr. Wilson lived at Deposit and New York City. He then entered the services of the Ansco Company, of Binghamton, as a sales representative. During the World War Mr. Wilson went to France as a Y. M. C. A. secretary, and after his discharge he returned to his former employment with the Ansco Company as recreation and welfare director. In 1921 he came to Elmira as secretary of the Association of Commerce, resigning July 1, 1932.

On June 3, 1916, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Miss Hope Irene Miller, of Elmira, the daughter of Nelson A. and

Emily (Davidson) Miller, the former a native of Quebec, Canada, and the latter of Elmira. They are now residents of Buffalo, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were born two children: 1. Barbara Janet, born September 22, 1921. 2. Malcolm J., Jr., born October 3, 1923.

Mr. Wilson is a Republican, and holds membership in Park Congregational Church, Rotary Club, Y. M. C. A., Boy Scouts of America, and Red Cross. He is affiliated with Olsenigo Lodge No. 435, Binghamton Chapter R. A. M., and Malta Commandery K. T., and Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton. He also belongs to the Elmira Country Club.

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**John H. Causer** is popular throughout Central New York as the successful manager of Langwell Hotel in Elmira. He was born in this city, January 9, 1872, the son of Joseph and Margaret (Freeborn) Causer.

Joseph Causer was born in England and his wife was a native of Ireland. He was brought to this country by his parents in early infancy, and was educated in the public schools of Elmira. He spent thirty years in the employ of the Elmira Rolling Mills, and in 1888 became identified with the Elmira House as manager. He served in that capacity until 1895. Mr. Causer was a Republican and for six years was superintendent of the Board of Public Works. He was a prominent member of the Episcopal Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. He died in 1923 and his wife died in 1913. They are buried in Elmira. To Mr. and Mrs. Causer were born the following children: 1. James A., who is manager of the Ithaca House at Ithaca. 2. John H., the subject of this sketch. 3. Isabel, married Albert Bundy, lives at Elmira. 4. Joseph, Jr., who died in 1924. 5. Freeborn, who died in 1912. 6. Fred, lives at Elmira.

John H. Causer attended the grade and high schools of Elmira and is also a graduate of Warner's Business College. He was identified with his father in the hotel business for a time, and in January, 1896, became manager of the Langwell Hotel, which was



built during that year. He was also interested in the management of the Ithaca Hotel in association with his brother, James A. Causer, until 1919, at which time the partnership was dissolved.

On August 24, 1896, Mr. Causer was united in marriage with Miss Catherine French, born in Watkins Glen, New York, the daughter of Mark S. French, a native of Mansfield, Pennsylvania, who died in 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Causer have a son, Jack H., born May 21, 1897. He is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and as a youth became interested in the hotel business as clerk of the Langwell. In 1913 he was made steward, became manager in 1918, and in 1929 was made a partner in the business. He enlisted in 1918 in the U. S. Naval Reserve Corps at Pelham Bay, New York, as an apprentice seaman and after a year in the service was discharged. He is a member of the New York Hotels Association, Greeters of America, American Hotel Association, Finger Lakes Association, Elmira City Club, Cold Brook Club, Elmira Country Club, Keuka Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He also holds membership in the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Causer was married in 1917 to Miss Iva Hamilton, of Elmira, and they have a daughter, Nancy Lucille, born August 9, 1919.

John H. Causer has always been a Republican in politics. He and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church, and he is a member of B. P. O. Elks, Elmira City Club, Elmira Country Club, Lake Club, Cold Brook Club, Mansfield (Pennsylvania) Country Club, Rotary Club, and Association of Commerce.

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**Herbert Sidney Snodgrass.**—As vice president and general works manager of The American LaFrance & Foamite Company, Herbert Sidney Snodgrass is one of the well known industrial leaders in the city of Elmira. He was born at Vancouver, Washington, May 14, 1892, the son of Frederick H. and Eva (Woodruff) Snodgrass.

Frederick H. Snodgrass was born at Seattle, Washington, and received his early education in the public schools there. He was a graduate of Washington State College, where he received the

degree of Bachelor of Arts. He died in 1895 and is buried at Vancouver. His widow resides in Chicago, where she was born. Their only child was Herbert Sidney, the subject of this sketch.

Herbert Sidney Snodgrass is a graduate of the Chicago public schools, Cluster Springs (Virginia) Military Academy, and Armour Institute. In 1908 he had entered the employ of the Denison Mfg. Company in Chicago, with whom he remained until 1913. He then became a sales representative of the Stewart-Warner Corporation of Chicago, and three years later assumed the duties of superintendent of production for the Holt Caterpillar Company of Peoria, Illinois. He left that concern in February, 1919, to become purchasing agent of the Moline Plow Company of Moline, Illinois, and in 1923 held the same position with the American Car Foundries Motor Company at Kent, Ohio. During 1925-27 Mr. Snodgrass was purchasing agent for the latter corporation at Detroit, Michigan, and in 1927 he came to Elmira to enter the employ of the American LaFrance & Foamite Corporation. In the following year he became general works manager, and since 1931 has also been vice president of the company.

On April 15, 1911, Mr. Snodgrass married Miss Aurora Valo, of Chicago, whose parents were natives of France and Vermont, respectively. The former died in 1907 and the latter in 1921. They are buried in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass have a daughter, Vernetta Frances, born March 17, 1916. She attends Elmira Free Academy.

Mr. Snodgrass is a Republican, a member of Park Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge, Elmira Country Club, and Association of Commerce.

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**Homer E. Brotzman** is treasurer of Linn-Chapel Company, Inc., 1040 Caton Avenue, and is active in the business life of the city of Elmira. He was born at Troupsburg, Steuben County, August 16, 1897, the son of William J. and Jennie (Tew) Brotzman.

William J. Brotzman lives retired at Canisteo. He was born and reared at Troupsburg, New York, and as a young man as-



sisted his father in farming. He later owned a farm in Steuben County, which he successfully operated until the time of his retirement in 1928. During the following three years he conducted a retail meat business at Canisteo. Mr. Brotzman is a Republican, and served as clerk of Troupsburg, tax collector, and school trustee. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he served as Sunday School superintendent for a number of years, and he is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was president of the Dairymen's League in Steuben County at one time. Jennie (Tew) Brotzman was born at Troupsburg and died in 1923. She is buried at Woodhull, New York. They had three sons: 1. Homer E., the subject of this sketch. 2. Lloyd H., farmer, married Miss Mildred Hotaling, lives at Woodhull. 3. Eldon E., lives at Hornell, New York.

The boyhood of Homer E. Brotzman was spent at Troupsburg and Woodhull, and he received his education in the district schools. He remained on the home farm until 1918, and at that time came to Elmira as a telegraph operator in the employ of the Erie Railroad Company. Soon after he was transferred to Fairview, New Jersey, as station agent, and later was station agent there. He came to Elmira in 1923 as a clerk in the employ of Linn-Chapel Company, and on January 1, 1925, became a partner in the business. At its incorporation in 1925 the following officers were elected: Linn Chapel, president; Carrie E. Chapel, vice-president; Homer E. Brotzman, treasurer, and James R. Beecher, secretary. Mr. Brotzman is also president of the Elmira Coal Merchants Association, and a director of the New York State Builders Supply Association.

On December 8, 1922, Mr. Brotzman was united in marriage with Miss Vera B. Hay, of Ansonville, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Thomas and Ethel (Wright) Hay. The former was born in England and died in Elmira in 1924. The latter is a native of Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and resides in Elmira. To Mr. and Mrs. Brotzman have been born two children: 1. Jenn Ethel, born March 12, 1924. 2. Linn Sanford, born January 23, 1926.

Mr. Brotzman is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Woodhull. He also belongs to the Elmira Country Club, and he was the first chairman of the Minute Men of the Association of Commerce. Mr. Brotzman is a member of Restoration Lodge, No. 777, F. and A. M., Woodhull, New York, Corning Consistory, 32nd degree, A. A. S. R., Corning, New York, Past Monarch, Cashmere Grotto, No. 11, M. O. V. P. E. R., and Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church of Elmira Heights.

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**Ray Marvin**, who is assistant treasurer of the Barker, Rose & Kimball Company, wholesale and retail hardware dealers, of Elmira, is a native of New York. He was born at Norwich, Chenango County, December 23, 1898, the son of William D. and Emma L. (Blood) Marvin.

William D. Marvin was born in New York and died at Norwich in 1915. His widow is a native of Oxford, New York. During his life Mr. Marvin spent many years as a sales representative of a medical supply company in Chicago. He was a Democrat, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belonged to the Masonic Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin's only child was Ray, the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from Norwich High School, Ray Marvin attended Cornell University for three and one-half years. He specialized in civil engineering and was employed during the following three years as an engineer in construction work for the New York State Highway Department. He later was connected with the Morse Chain Company of Ithaca, and from 1921 until 1923 was an accountant in that company's employ. His next connection was with the Eastern Trunk Line Division Association of Railroads as claim accountant, with headquarters at Syracuse and Oswego. He went to Boston, Massachusetts, in 1924 as a salesman for the Ditto Manufacturing Company, and two years later became associated with the Prosperity Company of Syracuse as an accountant. During 1927-29 he was identified with the



L. C. Smith-Corona Typewriter Company, and in the latter year located with the General Office Equipment Corporation of Syracuse. Since January, 1930, Mr. Marvin has held his present position in Elmira.

On January 1, 1926, Mr. Marvin was united in marriage with Miss Martha L. Phinney, of Auburn, New York, the daughter of Gaylord L. and Agnes (Shepard) Finney, the former a native of Cazenovia, and the latter of Manlius, New York. Mr. Finney resides at Fayetteville. His wife died in 1928.

Mr. Marvin is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Kiwanis Club and Theta Alpha fraternity. He also holds membership in the Business Men's Club of Boston, Massachusetts.

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**Charles W. Perry**, of Elmira, is identified with one of the oldest insurance agencies in Central New York as president of the G. W. Perry Company. He was born in this city, August 21, 1900, the son of Guy Whipple and Mary (Walker) Perry.

Guy Whipple Perry was born in Elmira, the son of Thomas Perry, who was the founder of the Perry Insurance Agency in this city, with which he was identified from 1866 until his death in 1896. The agency was conducted by his son, Guy W. Perry, until his death. Guy W. Perry died August 24, 1924, and is buried in Elmira. His widow still resides here. Mr. Perry was a Republican, a member of Lake Street Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Coldbrook Club. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Perry: 1. Charles W., the subject of this sketch. 2. James W., who is secretary of the Perry Insurance Company. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and belongs to Psi Upsilon fraternity.

After his graduation from Elmira High School, Charles W. Perry entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1922. He then became connected with the G. W. Perry Company and succeeded to the presidency upon the death of his father in 1924. They are general agents for the Maryland Casualty Company, with 150 agents in 130 towns and villages in New York State and Pennsyl-

vania. In 1926 they purchased the Telegram Building on Baldwin and Second Streets, which is now the home of the insurance agency. Mr. Perry is also a director of the Hilliard Corporation, director of the Chemung Valley Savings & Loan Association of Elmira; director of the B. M. Holcomb Corporation of Binghamton, and director of the F. D. Kingsbury Company of Corning.

On September 6, 1924, Mr. Perry married Miss Genevieve Pettie, of Denver, Colorado, who is a graduate of Elmira College. She is the daughter of Dr. William N. and Anna (Green) Pettie. They are natives of New York and reside at Denver, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have two sons: 1. Thomas Whipple, born August 18, 1925. 2. William Pettie, born March 8, 1929.

Mr. Perry is a Republican, and in 1931 was chairman at the Republican City campaign. He is a director of the Federation of Social Service and chairman of the Budget Committee of the Community Chest of Elmira. He holds membership in Lake Street Presbyterian Church, of which he is trustee, and he is affiliated with the Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. and A. M., Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, American Legion, Past President of the Exchange Club, Elmira Country Club and Elmira City Club. He is also President of the Association of Commerce and Past President of the Y. M. C. A., of which he is a trustee.

During the World War, Mr. Perry enlisted for service and attended an officers' training school at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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**Leslie F. Light.**—Numbered among the dependable and successful young business men of Elmira and Central New York is Leslie F. Light, who is general sales manager of the Spaulding Bakeries, Inc. He was born at Hawleyton, Broome County, New York, February 9, 1890, the son of Charles and Anna (Rodgers) Light.

Charles Light was a native of Hawleyton, New York, and received his education in the schools at that place. Throughout his life he was interested in general farming and also had extensive



lumber interests. He was a Republican. Mr. Light died in 1900 and his wife died in 1908. They are buried at Laurel Lake, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Light were born eight children: 1. Levi, retired, lives at Rushville, Pennsylvania. 2. Irvin, farmer, lives at Hawleyton. 3. Erastus, deceased, is buried at Rush, Pennsylvania. 4. Harry, farmer, lives at Rush, Pennsylvania. 5. Leslie F., the subject of this sketch. 6. Louise, married Fred Van Varce, lives at Rochester. 7. Olive, married Jasper Edwards, lives at Endicott. 8. Lillie May, married William Howard, lives at Rochester.

Leslie F. Light grew up at Binghamton, New York, and was educated in the public schools. He was employed as a clerk in the grocery store of Weeks & Davis for one year, and spent two years in the same capacity with W. E. Rodgers. In 1904 Mr. Light entered the employ of R. Z. Spaulding, but after a short time left the company and went to Florida. He later returned to their Binghamton plant and remained as shipping clerk until 1910. In the following year he established a cigar business and sold cigars in Waverly and Binghamton. He also conducted a wholesale jobbing business at Waverly. In 1912 he again became associated with the R. Z. Spaulding Bakery and established the first automobile route operated by the company at Endicott, New York. Later he became sales manager of the company and in 1926 was sent to Elmira to establish a branch plant as manager and vice-president of the Spaulding Baking Company. The business was reorganized in 1928 and two years later Mr. Light became general sales manager and manages ten branch bakeries in New York State and Pennsylvania.

On May 23, 1917, Mr. Light was united in marriage with Miss Mae Stever, of Middleburg, New York, the daughter of Peter and Minnie (Coons) Stever. He died in 1928 and his wife died in 1928. They are buried at Binghamton. Mr. and Mrs. Light have a son, Charles Francis, born May 3, 1918. He attends Elmira High School.

Mr. Light is affiliated with Binghamton Lodge, No. 177, F. and A. M.; Binghamton Consistory, 32nd degree, A. A. S. R.; Cashmere Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., and Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N.

M. S.; B. P. O. Elks, No. 852; F. O. Eagles, Aerie No. 941; Loyal Order of Moose, No. 517; United Commercial Travelers, Elmira Council No. 236; charter member of Afton Lodge, No. 553, I. O. O. F.; Association of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Traffic Club, Acacia Club, Binghamton Adirondack Club, Y. M. C. A. He is a member of the New York State and American Bakers Association. He is a Republican and belongs to the Lake Street Presbyterian Church.

The Light family lives at 125 Country Club Drive and has a summer home on Lake Keuka, which is called "The Lighthouse."

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**Arthur C. Hutchinson** is a substantial citizen of Elmira, where he has been identified for many years with the Erie Railroad Company, now being chief clerk of the division freight office. He was born at Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, April 21, 1875, the son of Gosper C. and Sarah J. (Clark) Hutchinson.

Gosper C. Hutchinson, who died in 1911, is buried at Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania. He grew up at Deckertown, New Jersey, and attended the public schools. For many years Mr. Hutchinson owned and operated a blacksmith shop at Lawrenceville. He was a Republican and held numerous public offices. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife died in 1919 and is buried at Lawrenceville. To Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson were born the following children: 1. Wilbur W., retired, lives at Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania. 2. Laura Adelle, married I. C. Losey, lives at Elmira. 3. Estella, who died in 1877. 4. Arthur C., the subject of this sketch. 5. Walter V., who is a retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hugo, Oregon. 6. Agnes O., who died in 1892.

Arthur C. Hutchinson is a graduate of Lawrenceville (Pennsylvania) Academy and for several years was employed in his father's shop. He also conducted a transfer business for a short time and came to Elmira in 1896 as an employe in the freight offices of the Erie Railroad Company. He was subsequently ap-



pointed chief billing clerk and in 1913 left the company's employ and entered the services of the Thatcher Manufacturing Company in Elmira. He went to Rochester after a short time with the Foster & Armstrong Piano Manufacturing Company, and in November, 1914, Mr. Hutchinson returned to his former employment with the Erie Railroad Company as claim clerk in their Elmira offices. In February, 1918, he was appointed chief clerk of the division freight office of the Erie Railroad.

On June 26, 1897, Mr. Hutchinson was united in marriage with Miss Bertha M. Cook, of Lindley, New York, who attended Cheshboro Seminary, at Chili, New York. She is the daughter of V. E. and Lizette (Mulford) Cook, of New York. The former resides at Elmira, and the latter died in 1930. She is buried at Lindley, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson have a son, Bernard W., born December 2, 1898, a graduate of Elmira High School, now identified with the Prudential Insurance Company. He married Miss Ola M. Hull, of Rochester.

Mr. Hutchinson is a Republican, a member of the First Church of Christ Disciples, and belongs to the Union Lodge, No. 95, F. and A. M., Cashmere Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., Corning Consistory, A. A. S. R., 32nd degree, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Kiwanis Club, and Traffic Club.

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**Snyder P. Atwater.**—A citizen of progressive business ideas, and one who in many directions has proven his ability, is Snyder P. Atwater, who is vice-president of El-Cor Dairies, Inc., of Elmira and Corning. He was born at Mecklenburg, Schuyler County, June 4, 1863, the son of Willis G. and Catherine (Snyder) Atwater.

A complete biography of Willis G. Atwater appears elsewhere in this history in the sketch of his son, Floyd A. Atwater.

Snyder P. Atwater acquired his education in the district schools of Chemung County. He was a student at Elmira Business College, and began his business career in 1884 as a salesman for Barker, Dounce, Rose & Co., hardware dealers, with whom

he was identified until 1906. He then was one of the founders of the Elmira Insurance Agency and Chemung Valley Real Estate Company, of which he served as vice-president and president, respectively. For two years and six months Mr. Atwater was connected with the Ferguson-Carr Hardware Company of Elmira, and in 1908 returned to his former business connection with the newly organized Barker-Rose & Clinton Hardware Company. He continued as a salesman with that concern until November, 1918, at which time he became actively identified with Atwater Brothers, distributors of dairy products. This business had been founded in Elmira in 1893 by his father, Willis G. Atwater, and was formerly known as the W. G. Atwater Company, and later as W. G. Atwater & Sons. Upon the death of the father the concern was reorganized as Atwater Brothers. Until 1915 no sweet milk was sold by the company, its creamery business consisting of butter, cheese and buttermilk. In that year Atwater Brothers bought out the local business of the Horseheads Creamery Company. In 1926 a plant at Corning was built and the Elmira and Corning branches were incorporated as the El-Cor Dairies, Inc. Present officers are: Floyd A. Atwater, president; Snyder P. Atwater, vice-president, and Frank D. Atwater, treasurer. At the present time they are also extensive ice cream manufacturers.

On August 25, 1887, Mr. Atwater married Miss Mary E. Rowland, born in Wisconsin, the daughter of U. G. and Dolly M. (Safford) Rowland. Mr. Rowland was born on a farm near Syracuse, New York, and died in 1911. His wife, who died in 1898, was a native of Onondaga County, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Atwater have a daughter, Edna M., born November 1, 1888. She is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Rochester Business College. She is the widow of Arthur Vogt, and is now identified with the offices of El-Cor Dairies.

Politically, Mr. Atwater is a Republican. He and his family hold membership in the Lake Street Presbyterian Church, and he is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, and Association of Commerce. He also belongs to the Kiwanis Club, of which he served as treasurer for three terms.



**Clarence H. Kennedy**, who is vice-president and sales manager of the Kennedy Valve Manufacturing Company, ranks among Elmira's highly successful business men. He was born at Brooklyn, New York, August 11, 1890, the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Moran) Kennedy. The sketch of Daniel Kennedy appears elsewhere in this history.

Clarence H. Kennedy attended the public schools of Brooklyn and is a graduate of Brooklyn Manual Training High School and Albany Academy. He was graduated from Cornell University in 1912 with the degree of Mechanical Engineering, and immediately became associated with the interests of the Kennedy Valve Manufacturing Company in a sales capacity; in their New York City Offices. He also became branch manager there and in 1920 returned to Elmira as sales manager and vice-president of the company. He has held the latter office since 1929.

On October 15, 1914, Mr. Kennedy was united in marriage in New York City with Miss Rose Cosgrove, of Elmira, the daughter of Michael and Mary (McGoughrin) Cosgrove, natives of Ireland and Troy, Pennsylvania, respectively. Mr. Cosgrove is deceased and his widow lives in Elmira. To Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have been born five children: 1. John C., born September 25, 1915, died August 2, 1925. 2. William C., born in 1917. 3. M. Claire, born in 1920. 4. Nancy E., born in 1925. 5. Josepha, born in 1928. Mrs. Kennedy is a graduate of Elmira High School and Elmira College.

Mr. Kennedy and his family are members of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Cornell Club of New York City, Elmira Country Club, and Association of Commerce.

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**William Thomas Coleman.**—One of the best known of the younger men of Elmira is William Thomas Coleman, who is special agent for the Union Central Life Insurance Company, with offices in the Perry Building. He also is serving as city clerk and takes a prominent part in local Republican politics. Mr. Coleman

was born in this city, the son of William T. and Mary (Espey) Coleman.

William T. Coleman, who died in Elmira, February 9, 1923, is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. He was born in Pennsylvania and early in life came to Elmira with his parents. He was a graduate of Warner Business College and became successfully engaged in the feed and grain business in this city. Later, he conducted a grocery establishment for thirty years. Mr. Coleman was a Republican and served as mayor of Elmira during 1904-06, and as director of the Regulative Bureau Farm and Market Department at Albany for three years. He also was alderman of the Third Ward for two terms and was a member of the mayor's convention committee in 1921. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge, 32nd degree, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Elmira City Club, and Century Club. Mr. Coleman died February 9, 1923, and his wife died July 28, 1925. Their children were: 1. Robert E., lives at Elmira, married Ruth McFarland, of Elmira. 2. William Thomas, the subject of this sketch.

William Thomas Coleman is a graduate of Elmira High School and in 1925 received a degree from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania. During the following year he assumed his present duties as a special agent for the Union Central Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Coleman is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of Elmira, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. and A. M.; B. P. O. Elks No. 62; Y. M. C. A., director; Century Club, director; Elmira Country Club; New York Athletic Club, life member; Phi Upsilon fraternity; Veteran Athletic Association of Philadelphia.

During his college career, Mr. Coleman took a prominent part in athletics, being a member of the varsity track and football teams, which were eastern college champions during 1923-24. He also was a member of the Quaker professional football team in Philadelphia in 1926, champions in the American Professional League for that year.



Politically, Mr. Coleman is a Republican and in 1929 was an unsuccessful candidate for the office of alderman of the Third Ward. He was secretary and treasurer of the Republican city committee during 1931.

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**Athel D. Merrill**, who was formerly president and treasurer of the Werdenburg Clothing Company, at 200 West Water Street, which is now a partnership firm, has been identified with the mercantile interests of Elmira for thirty-two years. He was born at Litchfield, Pennsylvania, November 10, 1875, the son of Leonard Pratt and Minnie (Munn) Merrill.

Leonard Pratt Merrill was born at Litchfield, Pennsylvania, where he received his education. He located at Athens, Pennsylvania, in 1877, as a foreman with the Athens Bridge Company, and remained in that capacity until 1902. In the latter year he accepted a position as foreman of bridge construction with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, and during his career was recognized as an authority on bridge construction work. Mr. Merrill died in October, 1922, and his wife, also born at Litchfield, Pennsylvania, died in 1917. They are buried at Athens, Pennsylvania. Mr. Merrill was a Democrat and a member of the Universalist Church. There were three children in the Merrill family: 1. Athel D., the subject of this sketch. 2. Wesley P., attorney, who lives at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 3. Mabel, who died in 1926, was the wife of William Carmody, of Athens, Pennsylvania.

Athel D. Merrill grew up on a farm near Athens, Pennsylvania, and in 1893 was graduated from Athens High School. While completing his schooling he was employed as a clerk in the clothing store of Friedman at Athens. In 1893 he became manager of the Ginsberg Clothing Store at Mansfield, Pennsylvania, where he remained for three years. He then was located at Blossburg, Pennsylvania, for five years in the same capacity, and in 1901 came to Elmira as a clerk in the Werdenburg Clothing Store. Two years later the business was reorganized as the

Andrew F. Werdenburg Company, with Mr. Merrill as secretary and treasurer. This company continued until 1919, at which time it was taken over by a partnership composed of A. F. Werdenburg, M. S. Cisco, and Mr. Merrill. They continued in business together until 1926, when Messrs. Merrill and Werdenburg became sole owners. The latter partnership was dissolved in 1928 and the business has since then been conducted alone by Mr. Merrill. In the latter part of 1928 he took in B. Frank Burgess as a partner.

On August 9, 1911, Mr. Merrill married Miss Mary G. McCarthy, of Elmira, the daughter of George and Ella (O'Brien) McCarthy. Both were natives of Elmira and died in 1886 and 1916, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill are the parents of three children: 1-2. George Leonard and Ellen Elizabeth, twins, born July 29, 1912. 3. William Kenneth, born February 3, 1915. They attend Elmira High School.

Mr. Merrill is a Democrat, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, director of the Kiwanis Club, and Association of Commerce. He also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, Elmira Council 229, being grand knight during 1929, and is past trustee, and was chairman of the convention committee, which put on the state convention in 1932.

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**Joseph Moses**, of Elmira, has been in the service of the Western Union Telegraph Company for a period of forty-three years, and is now city manager. He was born here, December 25, 1874, the son of Jacob and Zota (Zorazinski) Moses.

Jacob Moses and his wife were natives of Poland. As a young man he located at Manchester, England, and in 1871 emigrated to the United States and settled at Elmira. Throughout his life he was a merchant. Mr. Moses died May 16, 1920, and his wife died November 14, 1920. They are buried in Franklin Street Cemetery, Elmira. Both were members of Sullivan Street Synagogue. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moses. 1. Abraham H., who died January 25, 1931. 2. Sarah, married Linker, lives at



Elmira. 3. Joseph, the subject of this sketch. 4. Reuben, who died November 1, 1928. 5. Rachael.

Joseph Moses has always lived in Elmira. He attended the public schools and as a boy entered the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company as a messenger. During the following year he was promoted to delivery clerk, and on December 1, 1896, became receiving clerk in the Elmira office. He subsequently filled the office of bookkeeper, telegraph clerk, and on September 1, 1917, was appointed telegraph operator. He became acting manager November 27, 1922, and assumed the duties of manager, April 15, 1923.

Mr. Moses is a Republican in politics and served as inspector of city elections in 1910. He attends the Jewish Synagogue and belongs to the Century Club, Traffic Club, Association of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, and Association of Western Union Employees.

Mr. Moses is unmarried.

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**William C. Warner.**—Among the most representative business executives of Elmira, William C. Warner holds a prominent place as the secretary-treasurer of the Eclipse Machine Company. He was born in this city, October 13, 1884, the son of Augustus J. and Anna (Hoag) Warner.

Augustus J. Warner was a native of Hardwick, Vermont, and spent his early life on a farm. He was educated in the rural schools and was graduated from a business college in Boston, Massachusetts. He then became a teacher in that institution and after several years located in Elmira, where he was founder of Elmira Business College, then Warner's Business School and later merged with Meeker's Business College. Mr. A. J. Warner was successfully identified with this enterprise during the remainder of his life. He died in 1927 and his wife, born at Schenectady, New York, died October 20, 1884. They are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. By a former marriage, Augustus J. Warner had a son, Sherry A., who is engaged in government work in the

Philippines. To the second marriage of Augustus J. Warner only one child was born, William C., subject of this sketch. By a third marriage a daughter was born, Doris, who married David Williams, and she lives in Elmira.

After his graduation from Elmira High School, William C. Warner attended Elmira Business School, with which his father had been identified as owner for many years. He also became an instructor of commercial subjects at the school and remained with the institution until February 1, 1909, at which time he became identified with the Eclipse Machine Company as a bookkeeper. He remained in that capacity until 1924, at which time he was made secretary-treasurer of the concern. He is also a director.

On July 31, 1910, Mr. Warner was united in marriage with Miss Myrtle Elizabeth Gleckler, of East Point, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Henry and Harriet (Harer) Gleckler. Both are deceased and are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. To Mr. and Mrs. Warner were born two children: 1. Mary Elizabeth, born August 27, 1911, a graduate of Elmira High School, now a student at the Lucy Wheelock School of Kindergarten Training at Boston, Massachusetts. 2. William C., born October 1, 1917, a student in the Elmira public schools.

Mr. Warner has always been a Republican. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Elmira Country Club.

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**George Strachen Crandall.**—As editor of the Elmira Star-Gazette since 1918, George Strachen Crandall is among Elmira's most influential citizens, and throughout his life has taken a prominent part in the city's civic, social and fraternal life. He was born here, December 17, 1880, the son of George Henry and Anna (Strachen) Crandall.

George Henry Crandall was born at Mansfield, Pennsylvania, January 9, 1841. In the early 70's he came to Elmira, where he spent many years in the employ of H. C. Spaulding & Company. He married (first) Anna Kennedy; (second) Anna Strachen; (third) Sarah Jane Brown. Five children were born to these mar-



riages, all of whom are deceased with the exception of George Strachen, the subject of this sketch. George Henry Crandall died May 9, 1917, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. Anna (Strachen) Crandall died December 22, 1880.

The early education of George Strachen Crandall was received in the local grammar schools and Elmira Free Academy. He entered the employ of the Evening Star in Elmira in July, 1898, and was employed in the mail room. He served successively as printer, reporter, and then as editor. The paper was reorganized as the Elmira Star-Gazette a number of years ago. He has been associated with such important newspapermen as I. S. Copeland, Frank E. Gannett, and Frank E. Tripp.

On December 1, 1906, Mr. Crandall was united in marriage with Miss Alda Marae Wells, who was born at Athens, Pennsylvania, December 1, 1881, the daughter of Frederick M. and Mary Amanda (Corbin) Wells. Mr. Wells was born at Orwell, Pennsylvania, November 14, 1848, and his wife was a native of Potterville, Pennsylvania, born May 30, 1850. He died March 12, 1932, and she died in May, 1923. They are buried at Athens. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crandall. 1. George Wells, born December 14, 1907, is photographer for three Elmira newspapers. He was married June 14, 1929, to Miss Marion Alice Lowney, of Buffalo. 2. Phyllis Marae, born September 12, 1911, attends Ithaca College.

Mr. Crandall is a member of North Presbyterian Church, and has the following lodge and club affiliations: Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. and A. M., master in 1909; Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M., high priest in 1910; St. Omer's Commandery, No. 19, K. T., commander in 1929; life member of Elmira Masonic Club, of which he served as secretary for twelve years, and president during 1922-1923; Newtown Battle Chapter, Sons of American Revolution, vice-president in 1931-32; Ismailia Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Buffalo; charter member of Elmira Kiwanis Club, president in 1922; Keuka Club; Southern Tier Council, No. 16, R. & S. M.; Elmira Golf and Country Club; New York State Historical Association; Chemung County Historical Society; American Society of Newspaper Editors, and New York State Editorial Association.

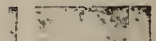
Mr. Crandall is a lineal descendant, ninth generation of Rev. John Crandall, Welch Baptist minister, who was first mentioned in Massachusetts history in 1635. Like his contemporary, Roger Williams, he, too, was jailed for preaching the Baptist faith. Rev. Mr. Crandall was exiled from Boston, located at Newport, and later at Westerly, Rhode Island. Another ancestor of George S. Crandall was Edward Crandall, of Hannibal, New York, who served two enlistments in Connecticut regiments during the American Revolution.

Mr. Crandall has never aspired to nor held public office, but at all times has taken a prominent part in the promotion of worthy movements in the community.

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**Floyd S. Carey.**—Among the men of business prominence in Elmira is Floyd S. Carey, who is president of the Carey & Kasube Company, Inc., Oakland, Pontiac and Buick dealers, located at Main and West First Streets. He was born at Avoca, Pennsylvania, January 29, 1887, the son of Dr. Chauncey S. and Belle (Harding) Carey.

Dr. Chauncey S. Carey was born in Center Moreland Pennsylvania, and received his early education in the public schools of Tunkhannock. He later obtained the degree of Doctor of Medicine at New York University and for eight years was located at Pittston, Pennsylvania, before establishing a private practice in Elmira. He successfully practiced in the latter city for more than forty years and died in 1927. His wife was born at Eatonville, Pennsylvania, and died in 1924. Both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. Dr. Carey was a Republican, a member of the Baptist Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Century Club. He also held membership in the Chemung County and New York State Medical Society. To Doctor Chauncey S. and Belle (Harding) Carey were born two sons: 1. Clyde L., who died in 1919. He married Miss Edna Hawes, who is now the wife of H. O. Gardner, of Elmira. 2. Floyd S., the subject of this sketch.





Floyd S. Carey is a graduate of the public schools of Avoca, Pennsylvania, and Keystone Academy at Factoryville, Pennsylvania. During 1905-6 he was an apprentice automobile mechanic in the employ of John Rhoads, of Elmira, and in the following three years was employed in the Scranton Tobacco Company, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, as shipping clerk. His next position was as inspector for the California Fruit Growers Exchange, at Scranton, and from 1912 until 1918 he was district manager of the branch in the latter city. He then was transferred to Montreal, Canada, and from 1919 until 1923 was an automobile salesman in the employ of the Dodge Agency, at Elmira. In the latter year he purchased an interest in the business of Forbes, Carey & Kasube Company, Oakland dealers, located on Baldwin Street. The business was incorporated in 1926 with Mr. Carey as president. They took over the local agency for the Buick car in 1930.

On December 27, 1912, Mr. Carey was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Greatsinger, of Elmira, who is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Valparaiso University, at Valparaiso, Indiana. She is the daughter of Wesley and Emma Greatsinger, natives of Elmira. The former died in 1926 and the latter in 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Carey have no children.

Mr. Carey is independent in politics. He is a member of the Baptist Church and his wife belongs to Trinity Episcopal Church. He also is a member of the Association of Commerce and director of the Finger Lakes Committee during 1929-30-31, and now chairman of the signs committee.

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**Leon B. Keeton.**—Among the successful automobile men of Elmira is Leon B. Keeton, who has the agency for the Hudson and Essex cars. He was born at Elmira, June 7, 1888, the son of Frank A. and Delia B. (Thompson) Keeton.

Frank A. Keeton, who lives retired, at the Langwell Hotel, Elmira, was for many years a leading business man of this section. He was born at Perry, New York, and in 1876 located at Elmira, where he became interested in a wholesale produce business as

founder of the F. A. Keeton Produce Company. It was originally located on Lake Street, and after a disastrous fire in 1888 the business was established in the present location, 117 Baldwin Street. It is now conducted by Mr. Keeton's son, Walter T. Keeton. Delia B. (Thompson) Keeton was born at Mechlenburg, New York, and died in July, 1921. She is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. Mr. Keeton is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and is a member of the Century Club. There were five sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Keeton: 1. Walter T., lives at 820 West Water Street. He married Miss Adelaide Harris, of Elmira. 2. Frank M., who died November 22, 1926. He married Miss Flora M. Bell, who lives at 317 Loremore Street, Elmira. 3. Carroll C., insurance, lives at Elmira. He married Miss Georgia Norman. 4. T. Wrayburn, automobile dealer, associated in business with his brother in Elmira. He married Miss Genevieve Alger, of Wellsville, New York. 5. Leon B., the subject of this sketch.

Leon B. Keeton is a graduate of the public schools of Elmira and attended Elmira Free Academy. As a young man he became interested in his father's business in a sales capacity and traveled throughout Northern Pennsylvania and Southern New York. In 1912 he organized the Tri Pure Water Company, located on West Second Street, and served as its president for two years. He then went with the American LaFrance & Foamite Corporation. Mr. Keeton became interested in the automobile business in 1921, being associated with Charles T. Baker as Hudson and Essex agents. He took over his partner's interest in 1922, and three years later removed to his present location, 311-19 State Street.

On October 5, 1910, Mr. Keeton married Miss Henrietta Spaulding, born at Elmira, December 15, 1886, the daughter of Henry C. and Ella M. (Reynolds) Spaulding. Mr. Spaulding, who died in 1886, was the son of Henry C. Spaulding, who was the founder of the H. C. Spaulding Manufacturing Company in Elmira in 1841. It was located at Fifth and State Streets. Ella M. (Reynolds) Spaulding was born at Horseheads. She lives in the Spaulding homestead at 300 Maple Street. It was built in 1792, the original land grant being signed by Governor Clinton of



New York. It was modernized in 1879, and has also recently been rebuilt. It still, however, retains many of its original features, and is among the well known landmarks in this section. The family of Leon B. Keeton also resides there. Mrs. Keeton is a graduate of Elmira public schools, Park Place preparatory school, and Elmira College. Mr. and Mrs. Keeton have two sons: 1. Leon B., Jr., born May 25, 1912, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, attends Colgate University, class of 1933. 2. Henry Clinton, born July 24, 1914, attends Elmira Free Academy.

Mr. Keeton is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, director of the Century Club, and the Association of Commerce. He also belongs to the Empire State Automobile Association and National Automobile Dealers Association.

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**Charles W. Arnold** is among the best known citizens of Elmira, where he has been passenger and ticket agent for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad since 1913. He was born at Analomink, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, February 6, 1878, the son of Samuel M. and Amanda (Dietrich) Arnold.

Samuel M. Arnold was a native of Pennsylvania and died at East Stroudsburg, February 18, 1927. He was employed by the Lackawanna Railroad Company for a number of years. Mr. Arnold was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of East Stroudsburg. His widow resides there. To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold the following children were born: 1. Charles W., the subject of this sketch. 2. Dessa, married Victor Newman, lives at East Stroudsburg. 3. Harvey, who died in infancy. 4. Frances, married John Youmans, lives at East Stroudsburg. 5. Blanche, who died in 1891. 6. Ruth Irene, married William Dixon, lives at East Stroudsburg.

Charles W. Arnold attended the public schools and in 1893 entered the employ of the Lackawanna Railroad. He became a telegraph operator on the Scranton division, and in 1897 was transferred as operator to Cresco, Pennsylvania. He was located at Scranton from 1900 to 1907 as night ticket clerk, and during

the following six years was day clerk in the Scranton office. He came to Elmira as city passenger and ticket agent on May 1, 1913.

On July 6, 1899, Mr. Arnold married Miss Eleanor Staples, of Smithfield, Pennsylvania, born August 30, 1880. She is the daughter of Thomas Wesley and Rahymie (Bensley) Staples, natives of Pennsylvania. The former lives retired at Elmira, and the latter died in 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have a son, Russell E., born June 18, 1900. He is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and at the present time is station agent for the North and South Railroad Company at Salt Creek, Wyoming. He married Miss Mayme Merchant, of Guy, Arkansas.

Mr. Arnold is a Republican, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and belongs to the Jesse L. Cooley Lodge, No. 966, F. and A. M.; Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M.; Elmira Council, R. & S. M.; St. Omer's Commandery, No. 19, K. T.; Corning Consistory, A. A. S. R., 32nd degree; member of Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton; Royal Patron, Queen Frederica Court No. 22, Order of the Amaranthe; Loyal Chapter, No. 265, O. E. S., past worthy scribe, served nine years; Watchman of Shepherds of Mt. Sinai White Shrine of Jerusalem, and one of the organizers. He also belongs to the Rotary Club, Association of Commerce, Y. M. C. A., and American Association of Railroad Agents. He is vice-president of the Service Clubs Bowling League of Elmira.

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**Clarence E. Huntley.**—A leading figure in the business affairs of Elmira is Clarence E. Huntley, who is identified with the Huntley Securities Investment Corporation, with offices in the Merchants National Bank Building. He was born at South Norwalk, Connecticut, April 2, 1897, the son of Clarence E. and Edith (Van Horn) Huntley.

Clarence E. Huntley was born at Oswego, New York, and received his education in the public schools. After seven years in the employ of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad he entered the service of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, being



identified with the latter company for six years. He met with an accidental death in February, 1901, and is buried at Troy, Pennsylvania. His widow was born at Troy and now lives in Elmira. Mr. Huntley was a Democrat and held membership in the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Huntley: 1. Clarence E., the subject of this sketch. 2. Harry A., who is a disabled veteran of the World War. He served in France as a member of the 102nd Field Signal Battalion, 27th Division. He married Miss Mary Lindsey, deceased, and was married (second) to Miss Margaret Fowler. They live at Syracuse.

Clarence E. Huntley is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and received the degree of LL. B. at Syracuse University in 1920. He then became identified with the Corporation Trust Company of New York City, and in 1921 went with the John Budd Company, of New York City, national newspaper advertising representatives. In 1923, Mr. Huntley became advertising manager of the Scientific American, which is published in New York. For a short time he was also assistant advertising manager of the Hearst International, and in November, 1923, came to Elmira as local manager of McClellan & Claggett Securities Company. In April, 1926, he organized the Huntley Securities Corporation. They are specialists in investment securities.

On May 16, 1923, Mr. Huntley married Miss Helen T. Ballard, the daughter of Mahlon B. and Anna (Tidd) Ballard, natives of Troy and Elmira, respectively. Mrs. Huntley is a graduate of Troy High School and Elmira College. To Mr. and Mrs. Huntley have been born three children: 1. M. Ballard, born July 22, 1926. 2. Suzanne, born November 23, 1929. 3. Robert Douglass, born September 9, 1932.

During the World War Mr. Huntley enlisted in the United States Navy in April, 1917, and until the close of the war saw active service. He was discharged in December, 1919.

Mr. Huntley is a Republican, a member of Park Congregational Church, and belongs to Ivy Lodge, F. and A. M., Elmira City Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Association of Commerce, Elmira Country and Golf clubs. He also be-

longs to Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Phi Delta Phi honorary legal fraternity.

Throughout his college career Mr. Huntley took a prominent part in athletics, being a member of the varsity base ball, basket ball and track teams, being track captain in 1920. He was also a member of the United States Olympic track team in 1920, Metropolitan Championship base ball team in 1921, and New York Athletic Baseball and Track teams.

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**Benjamin F. Woodhouse.**—Identified with the Gladke Realty Company, with offices in the Robinson Building, Mr. Woodhouse is well and favorably known in Elmira. He was born at Morris Run, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, June 12, 1876, the son of Samuel and Margaret (Davies) Woodhouse.

Samuel Woodhouse was born in Wales, British Isles, and died at Blossburg, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1912. His wife was also born there and her death occurred in 1901. He was educated in his native land and at thirty years of age emigrated to the United States and settled at Blossburg, Pennsylvania, residing there for two years and then he spent forty-two years in the employ of the Morris Run Coal Mining Company at Morris Run, Pennsylvania. He retired at the age of seventy-two years. Mr. Woodhouse was a Republican and served as justice of the peace at Morris Run for fifty years. He held membership in Welsh Congregational Church, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse: 1. Sarah, married James Vaughn, and she is deceased. 2. Esther, who died in 1922, was the wife of Morgan Jenkins. 3. Mary Ann, the widow of John E. Williams, lives at Wilmington, Delaware. 4. James D., married Miss Agnes McLaughlin, lives at Morris Run, Pennsylvania. 5. Elizabeth, the widow of John Parfitt, lives at Elmira. 6. Jane, married Samuel Howard, lives at Blossburg, Pennsylvania. 7. Samuel, married Miss Mary Graffoulier, lives at Altoona, Pennsylvania. 8. Maria W., lives at Elmira. 9. Margaret, married John Moxley, lives at



Birmingham, Alabama. 10. William S., married Miss Anna Mitchell, lives at Wheeling, West Virginia. 11. Benjamin F., the subject of this sketch.

The boyhood of Benjamin F. Woodhouse was spent at Morris Run, Pennsylvania, where he received his education. As a young man he entered the offices of the Morris Run Mining Company, and remained with that concern in an office position for seven years and worked in the mines for five years. He came to Elmira in November, 1912, and until 1916 was employed in the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He served as foreman in the shops until 1925 and then became interested in the general insurance business, with offices established in the Turner Building. In 1929 Mr. Woodhouse became identified with the Gladke Realty Company as a broker and in March, 1931, he purchased the business. He handles real estate exclusively.

On June 5, 1916, Mr. Woodhouse was united in marriage with Miss Marie Wetsel, who was born in Baldwinsville, New York, June 5, 1877, the daughter of David and Rebecca (Howell) Wetsel. The former died in 1922 and the latter resides in Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse have no children.

Politically, Mr. Woodhouse is a Republican and while a resident of Morris Run he served as justice of the peace. He is a member of the Congregational Church, and is affiliated with Blossburg Lodge, No. 350, F. and A. M., Corning Consistory, 32nd degree, A. A. S. R., and Kalurah Shrine, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Binghamton.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse live at 1068 Pennsylvania Avenue.

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**Frederick A. Mulcahy.**—One of the dependable business men of Elmira is Frederick A. Mulcahy, who is owner of Maple Farms Dairy. He was born in this city, June 2, 1894, the son of Daniel and Jane (Powell) Mulcahy.

Daniel Mulcahy, who died in Elmira, December 17, 1931, was a native of this city, as was his wife. She died June 20, 1921. They are buried in St. Peter & Paul's Cemetery, Elmira. Mr. Mulcahy entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in early life and at the time of his retirement in 1920 had served for

half a century. He was a passenger engineer for a period of fifty years and was employed on the Northern Central Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Mr. Mulcahy was a Democrat, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and belonged to the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mulcahy: 1. Daniel F., who died in 1923. He married Loretta O'Day, of Elmira. 2. Frederick A., the subject of this sketch.

The early education of Frederick A. Mulcahy was acquired in the public schools of Elmira and Elmira Free Academy. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of Pennsylvania in 1920 and began his business career with the Thatcher Manufacturing Company at Cedar Grove, West Virginia, as assistant superintendent. The following year he was transferred to the company's plant in Elmira. In 1923 Mr. Mulcahy organized the Maple Farms Dairy in partnership with M. E. Butler and M. E. Gallavan. They are dealers in high grade dairy products, as well as pasteurized milk, and have an extensive trade throughout the city. The plant is located at 215½ Franklin Street.

On June 18, 1924, Mr. Mulcahy married Miss Elizabeth G. Burke, who was born at Elmira, July 2nd, 1894, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Gorman) Burke. Mr. Burke was born at Troy, Pennsylvania, and now resides at Elmira. He retired in 1926 after a record of forty-nine years in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as an engineer. He is a Democrat, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and belongs to the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers. His wife was a native of Ireland. Elizabeth (Burke) Mulcahy is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Buffalo Normal School, class of 1918. She was a teacher in Elmira School No. 7 for seven years before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Mulcahy have two daughters: 1. Elizabeth Jane, born April 25, 1925. 2. Eileen Marie, born August 24, 1929.

Mr. Mulcahy is a Democrat, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, and Association of Commerce. He and his family are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

April 10, 1917, he enlisted in the United States Navy as a second class seaman. He was later commissioned an ensign and served overseas, and was on transport duty. He was honorably discharged in July, 1919.



**Ralph J. Haskell**, who is recognized as one of the leading building contractors of Elmira, is a member of a prominent family of this city. He was born here April 27, 1892, the son of Myron C. and Ada R. (Dilmore) Haskell.

Myron C. Haskell, who died in 1920, was a highly esteemed citizen of Elmira. He was born here and his wife is a native of Pine Valley, New York. As a young man he had become interested in the building and contracting business, and for thirty-six years conducted a well established building organization. He was the contractor in charge of the erection of St. John's Episcopal Church, Elmira Heights, Snyder Building, Empire Bridge, J. Arnot Rathbone residence on Water Street, and the I. D. Booth residence. Mr. Haskell was a Republican, and held membership in the North Presbyterian Church. His widow lives at 559 Rowe Avenue, Elmira. Their children were: 1. Grace A., married Walter I. Tedd, lives on Walnut Street, Elmira. 2. Harry M., of the firm of Haskell & Considine, architects, Elmira. 3. Edna R., the widow of Olney Everetts, lives at home. 4. Ralph J., the subject of this sketch.

After attending Elmira Free Academy, Ralph J. Haskell spent several years with his father's building interests in Elmira. He was in charge of construction work for the company until the death of his father in 1920, at which time he became associated in the building business with Fred Durfey. Nine years later the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Haskell has since continued the business alone. He has recently completed contracts for the Elmira Incinerator plant; Wellsburg High School; Elmira District School No. 7; Dairymen's League plant at Horseheads, and at Arkport, New York. Since 1918 Mr. Haskell has also been president of Haskell, Joraleman & Weatherby Co., Inc., painters and decorators, of 612 Williams Street.

On June 4, 1913, Mr. Haskell married Miss Vella V. VanGorder, who was born in Lawrenceville, New York, June 7, 1892. She is the daughter of Charles and Delia S. (Swort) VanGorder, natives of Chemung County and Seneca County, respectively. Mr. VanGorder died in 1902 and his wife died December 31, 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Haskell have four children: 1. Mildred Ellen, born

February 5, 1916. 2. Marjory Alice, born March 14, 1919. 3. Helen Lee, born May 31, 1923. 4. Ralph J., Jr., born June 16, 1927.

Mr. Haskell is a Republican and has held the office of city assessor. He and his family are members of North Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to Jesse Cooley Lodge, No. 966, F. and A. M.; Cashmere Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., Elmira; Masonic Club; Century Club; Lions Club; Association of Commerce and Che-mung Rod & Gun Club. He is also secretary of the Association of General Contractors of Elmira.

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**Frederick E. Scharf**, who is treasurer of the Rathbone Corporation at 415 East Water Street, takes a prominent and important part in real estate activities in the city of Elmira. He was born here January 18, 1885, the son of Edward W. and Sophia (Berhalter) Scharf.

Edward W. Scharf was a native of Elmira and died in 1921. His wife was also born here and died January 15, 1932. Both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. For many years he conducted a retail meat business in the city and later was identified with S. X. Metzger & Company, of Elmira, as chief engineer. He was a Democrat and held membership in the German Evangelical Church. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Scharf: 1. Frederick E., the subject of this sketch. 2. Edward J., who died February 1, 1930. 3. Sophia W., lives at Elmira. She is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and teaches in School No. 1, Elmira.

Frederick E. Scharf grew up in Elmira and attended the public schools. He is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Meekers Business Institute, class of 1907. He then was employed as a clerk in the offices of the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey in their Elmira office, and served in that capacity from 1907 until 1911. He then went to New York City with Waddell & Company, wholesale produce dealers, and later returned to Elmira to enter the office of the county treasurer, John Deister. Mr. Scharf continued in that capacity during the subsequent terms until July,



1919, when he entered the employ of the Harriet A. Rathbone Estate and the Arnot Realty Company as a stenographer and office manager. In 1927 the business was consolidated and reorganized as the Rathbone Corporation with Mr. Scharf as treasurer.

On August 23, 1919, Mr. Scharf was united in marriage with Miss Mildred E. Sheely, who was born at Elmira, February 16, 1885, the daughter of Edward V. and Harriet (House) Sheely. He is a native of New York State and she was a native of Iowa. The former lives in Elmira and the latter died in 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Scharf have two children: 1. Harriet Emily, born June 15, 1920. 2. Frederick Edward, Jr., born September 29, 1922. Mrs. Scharf is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Elmira College.

Mr. Scharf is a Democrat and served as commissioner on the Board of Public Works under Mayor Wood. He is a member of the German Evangelical Church and his wife holds membership in the Park Congregational Church. He is affiliated with Union Lodge No. 95, F. & A. M.; Corning Consistory, A. A. S. R., thirty-second degree; Elmira Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R.; Kalurah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton; Masonic Club, Elmira; Chemung County Rod and Gun Club, of which he is past president, and served two terms; and Association of Commerce.

Mr. Scharf enlisted in the National Guard October 8, 1907, and served as company clerk of Company L, Third New York Infantry. He later attained the rank of captain and in 1916 was in charge of the organization of a depot brigade when Company L served on the Mexican border. He also was in complete charge of the Elmira Armory at that time. During the World War he continued in charge of the armory, and was captain of Company L, New York Guards.

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**Benjamin D. Scott.**—One of the leading citizens of Elmira, well known throughout Central New York as a successful business man, is Benjamin D. Scott, who is resident manager of Gonder-Kelley Co., investment securities. He was born at Willard, Seneca County, January 27, 1891, the son of Fred and Flora (Daykin) Scott.

Fred Scott is a member of one of the first families of Seneca County. He was born in the old Scott homestead at Scott Corners, and as a young man conducted a general mercantile business at Willard, New York. He came to Elmira in 1892 and has since been well known in the city as a painting and decorating contractor. He is a Republican, and a member of North Presbyterian Church. His wife was born at Aurora, Cayuga County. They live at 1104 Walnut Street, Elmira. To Mr. and Mrs. Scott were born three children: 1. Died in infancy. 2. Benjamin D., the subject of this sketch. 3. Pearl, who died in 1900.

After his graduation from Elmira Free Academy in 1913, Benjamin D. Scott took correspondence work from the Alexander Hamilton Institute and Wharton School of Finance. In 1913 he had entered the employ of the Second National Bank of Elmira as draft clerk, and in 1923 resigned as manager of the transit department to become a security and bond salesman for Frederick Pierce & Company, of Philadelphia. He served as the company's district representative in Elmira. Since 1929 Mr. Scott has been identified with the Gonder-Kelley Company as resident manager. He has offices in the Federation Building.

On October 15, 1913, Mr. Scott married Miss Beatrix W. Bowman, of Elmira, born June 30, 1890, the daughter of Louis W. and Lillie M. (Buckout) Bowman. They are natives of Elmira and now reside at Bayonne, New Jersey, where Mr. Bowman has spent twenty-five years in the employ of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. Mrs. Scott is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy. To Mr. and Mrs. Scott have been born two children: 1. Benjamin David, Jr., born September 22, 1914, attends Elmira Free Academy. 2. Margaret J., born January 14, 1919, attends grade school No. 5.

Mr. Scott is a Republican and during 1920-21 was alderman of the Seventh Ward. He and his family are members of North Presbyterian Church, and he is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 95, F. and A. M.; Elmira Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M.; Corning Consistory, thirty-second degree; St. Omer's Commandery, K. T., Elmira; Kalurah Shrine, A. A. O. N. M. S., Binghamton; Order of Eastern Star, Past Grand Patron, State of New York; B. P. O.



Elks, No. 62; and Y. M. C. A. During the World War Mr. Scott served as a Y. M. C. A. secretary and was stationed at Camp Mills, New York.

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**H. Clifford Ropp.**—As residential manager of the Elmira Personal Loan Company, Mr. Ropp has a wide acquaintance in this city. He was born at Waverly, New York, February 24, 1907, the son of H. Clifford and Elizabeth (Gleason) Ropp.

H. Clifford Ropp lived at Waverly, New York, throughout his life and successfully conducted a grocery business at 397 Fulton Street. He died in 1907 at the age of twenty-nine years. Mr. Ropp was a Republican and a member of St. John's Catholic Church. His widow is a native of Rochester, New York. They had two sons: 1. George W., lives at Waverly. He married Miss Beatrice Baxter. 2. H. Clifford, the subject of this sketch.

After his graduation from Waverly High School in 1923, H. Clifford Ropp attended Meeker's Business Institute in Elmira. He then was employed as a bookkeeper in the Citizens National Bank at Waverly, and during 1926-27 was cashier in the offices of the Armour Packing Company at Elmira. In the following year he became identified with the accounting department of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and in 1928 located in New York City with the Fred F. French Company. He subsequently became assistant manager of the Personal Finance Company at Sayre, Pennsylvania, and in May, 1930, came to Elmira to assume his present duties with the Elmira Personal Loan Company.

Mr. Ropp is a member of St. John's Catholic Church, Waverly, and is affiliated with B. P. O. Elks and Loyal Order of Moose. He also belongs to the Association of Commerce, and the American Institute of Banking. Politically he is a Republican.

On March 26, 1932, Mr. Ropp was married to Miss Hilda C. Rought of Sayre, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Worth R. and Marion (Bacon) Rought, natives of Pennsylvania. They reside in Sayre, Pennsylvania. He is retired.

**H. Booth Crise** is prominent in the city of Elmira as district manager of Remington-Rand, Inc. He was born here June 23, 1903, the son of Albert H. and Ella (Donnelly) Crise.

Albert H. Crise was born at Elmira and died in this city in 1913. He is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Interlaken, New York. His widow lives at 828 Maple Avenue. Mr. Crise was a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Warner Business College. For several years he operated a grocery business at Walnut and Third Street, and later served with the Erie Railroad Company as a clerk in the Elmira freight office. For a time he also was employed by the Southern Railroad Company at Washington, D. C., and he spent eight years with the Washington Street Railway Company as manager of Glen Echo (Maryland) Amusement Park. He was serving in the latter capacity at the time of his retirement. Mr. Crise was a Republican and a member of Park Congregational Church. His widow holds membership in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Elmira. Their only child was H. Booth, the subject of this sketch. By a second marriage to Dr. A. B. Suter, two daughters were born to Ella (Donnelly) Suter: 1. Mary Jane, attends South Side High School. 2. Barbara Ann, a student.

H. Booth Crise acquired his early education in the public schools of Elmira and spent two years at Temple University, Philadelphia, after his graduation from Elmira Free Academy. He began his business career in 1924 with the American LaFrance & Foamite Corporation, of Elmira, and two years later became a salesman with Remington-Rand, Inc. He received the appointment as district manager of the company in 1930. Territory in this district includes Chemung, Steuben, Schuyler, and Yates counties in New York, and Bradford and Tioga counties in Pennsylvania.

On October 5, 1926, Mr. Crise married Miss Florence LeMunyan, who was born at Elmira, August 1, 1904, the daughter of Edward and Ida (Knowlton) LeMunyan. Mr. LeMunyan is in the employ of the D. L. & W. Railroad Company, Elmira. His wife died in August, 1930, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. Mrs. Crise is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Temple University, Philadelphia.



Politically Mr. Crise is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church, and he belongs to Jesse Cooley Lodge, No. 966, F. & A. M., and Cashmere Grotto.

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**John Carroll Crispin** has a wide acquaintance in the city of Elmira, where he is employed by the Thatcher Manufacturing Company as paymaster. He is a native of Tompkins County, born at Ithaca, September 2, 1883, the son of William A. and Elizabeth (Ireland) Crispin.

William A. Crispin is a native of Chemung, New York, and now resides at 1122 Walnut Street, Elmira. He has followed the trade of carpenter for more than forty years, most of that time being spent in Elmira. Mr. Crispin is a Democrat and belongs to the Knights of Pythias. His wife is a native of Ohio. Their children are: 1. John Carroll, the subject of this sketch. 2. Fred D., who is assistant secretary of the Chemung Valley Loan Association, at Elmira. He married Miss Irma Stevens, of Elmira. 3. Bessie Louise, married Harry Dalglish, lives at Elmira. 4. Elizabeth, married Otto Stricker, lives at Elmira. 5. Georgiana L., married Walter Babcock, lives at Elmira. 6. Charlotte P., lives at Elmira. 7. Stella, married Dr. Clarence Dunbar, lives at Ovid, New York.

John Carroll Crispin is a graduate of the public schools of Elmira and attended Elmira Free Academy. His first position, from 1902 until 1906, was with the Reed & Lovett Silk Mills, at Elmira, and he then spent four years as shipping clerk with Wyckoff & Sons. He operated a motion picture theatre for a short time at Horseheads. In 1909 he became foreman of the shipping department of the American Sales Book Company, Ltd., of Elmira, and five years later entered the services of the Thatcher Manufacturing Company in his present capacity as paymaster. He also owns the restaurant and confectionery concession at the plant.

On June 12, 1917, Mr. Crispin was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Lyons, of Athens, Pennsylvania, born March 21,

1892, the daughter of Frederick S. and Mary (Woodward) Lyons, natives of Pennsylvania. They now reside at Binghamton. Mrs. Crispin is a graduate of Binghamton High School and Ithaca Conservatory of Music, now Ithaca College, class of 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Crispin are the parents of two children: 1. Marcia Lee, born July 21, 1921. 2. William Lyons, born June 20, 1924.

Politically, Mr. Crispin is independent. He is a member of Park Congregational Church, and is affiliated with Ivy Lodge No. 397, F. & A. M., Corning Consistory, A. A. S. R., thirty-second degree, Kiwanis Club, and Association of Commerce.

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**Emory Strachen**, who is secretary of N. J. Thompson Company, Inc., has been identified with that concern for a quarter of a century, and is well and favorably known in the city of Elmira. He was born here, January 5, 1893, the son of Robert L. and Ella (Murray) Strachen.

Robert L. Strachen has spent his entire life in Elmira and for many years was successful as a building contractor. He died August 25, 1932. Important contracts on which Mr. Strachen was employed were the following: Robinson building; Steele Memorial Library; First Baptist Church; old Lyceum Theatre, and Elmira Free Academy. Mr. Strachen was an independent Republican and held membership in the First Methodist Church. His wife was born in Elmira and died in 1924. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Strachen: 1. Esther M., married John Gunderman, lives at Elmira. 2. William R., lives at Erie, Pennsylvania. 3. Carrie, who died in 1907. 4. Bert, who died in 1917. 5. J. Roy, who is connected with the Elmira Star-Gazette as press foreman. He married Miss Olive Herrick, of Owego, New York. 5. Emory, the subject of this sketch.

Emory Strachen has always lived in Elmira. He attended Elmira Free Academy for three years and in 1907 entered the employ of the N. J. Thompson Company, Inc., as a stock boy. He served for many years as buyer and in 1928 was elected secretary of the corporation.



On June 17, 1921, Mr. Strachen married Miss Mildred Havens, of Groveland, New York. She was born June 27, 1895, and died April 9, 1927. She is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. Mrs. Strachen was a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Elmira College, class of 1916, and was a teacher of French and Mathematics in the high schools at Fonda and Hamburg, New York. She was the daughter of Harry G. and Franc Havens. The former died in 1926 and the latter lives at 1005 Oak Street, Elmira. To Mr. and Mrs. Strachen were born two daughters: 1. Ruth Margaret. 2. Jane Elizabeth.

Mr. Strachen is a Republican and is a member of the Republican County Committee. He also served as alderman of the Eighth Ward during 1924-28. He is a member of the First Methodist Church and belongs to Ivy Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 397; Masonic Club; Y. M. C. A.; Rotary Club; and Association of Commerce. He is president of George M. Diven School, Parent Teachers Association.

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**Melvin A. Reynolds.**—Prominently associated with the business interests of Elmira, is Melvin A. Reynolds of the Reynolds Realty Company, 157 Lake Street. He was born at Preston, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1872, the son of Anthony E. and Mary E. (Halstead) Reynolds.

Anthony E. Reynolds, who died in 1910, was a member of one of the earliest and best known families of Wayne County, Pennsylvania. The homestead there had been settled about 1800 by members of the Reynolds family and it is still owned by the descendants. It is located on the highest spot of land in Wayne County and commands a view of many miles in all directions. Anthony E. Reynolds enlisted for service in the Civil War, but did not see active service before the close of the war. He was a farmer throughout his life, which was spent on the old homestead. Mr. Reynolds was a Democrat and a member of the First Baptist Church. His wife died in 1886. She was born at Uniondale, Pennsylvania. Both are buried at Preston, Pennsylvania.

Their children were: 1. Ada, who died in 1922, was the wife of S. H. Smith, of Sherman, Pennsylvania. 2. Jessie I., died in 1910, was the wife of Nelson L. Leet. 3. Ella L., married Herbert Van Wermer, lives at Center Village, New York. 4. William A., who died in 1910, had married Mary Stewart, who died in 1903.

Melvin A. Reynolds grew up on his father's farm and is a graduate of the public schools of Preston, Pennsylvania. For a period of twenty-two years he was identified with the Grand Union Tea Company, and managed stores throughout New York and Ohio during that time. In 1910 he became vice president of the Elmira Ice Cream Company, and held that office for seven years. He then became associated with the Reynolds & Payne Real Estate Company, and since 1929 has been identified with the Reynolds Realty Company, real estate agents and insurance underwriters. Mr. Reynolds has served as secretary of the Elmira Real Estate Board, and holds membership in the New York State and National Real Estate Boards.

On July 22, 1894, Mr. Reynolds married Miss Alice M. Breese, who was born at Horseheads, New York, December 29, 1872, the daughter of Fidel and Nancy (Jones) Breese. Mr. and Mrs. Breese were born in Chemung County. The latter died in 1912. To Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds were born four children: 1. Allene Mary, born January 7, 1897, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Cortland Normal School. She married Dr. George M. Kellogg, and they have a daughter, Marjory Anne. 2. Melvin A., Jr., born February 15, 1899, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy. He is sales manager of the James Manufacturing Company of Elmira. He married Miss Grace Reid, of Elmira. 3. Walter B., born July 20, 1901, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy, University of Pennsylvania, and Cornell University Law School, class of 1923. He is attorney for the Maryland Casualty Company, of Elmira. He married Miss Mary Drinkwater, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and they have a daughter, Virginia Mary. 4. Frank B., born October 28, 1906, a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and University of Alabama. He is a member of the firm of Delaney & Reynolds, of Elmira. He married Miss Delores Jean Davis, and they have a daughter, Delores Jean. All live in Elmira.



Mr. Reynolds is a Republican and during the past sixteen years has been supervisor of the first ward, as well as chairman of the board of supervisors for four years. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, and is affiliated with Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. and A. M., Cashmere Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., Masonic Club, first president of the Kiwanis Club, and is now a member of the Rotary Club, and Association of Commerce, and president in 1930.

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**Charles S. Putnam**, Optometrist, has a wide acquaintance in the city of Elmira, and is a veteran of the World War. He was born at Winsted, Connecticut, August 22, 1894, the son of Israel and Florence Madeline (Somerby) Putnam.

Israel Putnam is a native of Ohio, born August 9, 1862. His wife was born at Hoboken, New Jersey, May 16, 1863. They live at 112 Durland Avenue, Elmira. He was reared and educated at Winsted, Connecticut, and is a graduate of Marietta (Ohio) College, Bachelor of Arts. He was a civil engineer by profession and was identified with the New York, Cleveland and St. Louis Railroad, and Ohio Railroad Company until 1891. He then established a perfume business at Winsted, Connecticut, with which he was identified until 1899. He subsequently studied Optometry at Louisville, Kentucky, being associated with George B. Richards, and in 1902 Mr. Putnam located in Elmira to engage in practice. He also became manager of the Elmira Optometry Company, and in 1910 purchased the business, with which he was identified until 1921. It is now owned and managed by his son, Charles S. Putnam. The father is now interested in I. Putnam & Co., Inc., manufacturers of dental powders. The company was merged with Hart & Company in 1923. The business is located at 383-85 West Water Street. Mr. Putnam is a Socialist in politics, and belongs to Ivy Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 397, Corning Consistory, and Cashmere Grotto. To Mr. and Mrs. Putnam the following children were born: 1. Georgiana, married Harry L. Drake, lives at Elmira. 2. Emily P., married G. Leon Knapp, lives at Elmira. 3.

Ruth D., married Raymond Poley, lives at Elmira. 4. Israel, optometrist, lives at Sayre, Pennsylvania. He married Miss Ethel Dibble of Elmira. 5. Charles S., the subject of this sketch. 6. Dorothy, who died in 1923, was the wife of Clifford Brundage.

Charles S. Putnam acquired his early education in the public schools of Winsted, Connecticut, and he is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy. In 1920 he became a licensed optometrist in the State of New York, and continued in business with his father in this city until January 1, 1922, at which time he took complete charge of the establishment.

On May 22, 1918, Mr. Putnam enlisted for service in the World War and served in France as a private in the Three Hundred and Twelfth Engineers, Eighty-seventh Division. He was discharged July 25, 1919.

Mr. Putnam was married November 24, 1920, to Miss Catherine Dempsey, born at Elmira, May 12, 1895, the daughter of Dennis and Jennie (Leonard) Dempsey. Mr. Dempsey was born at Elmira and died in 1908. His widow was a native of Cohocton, and lives in Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam have two children: 1. Catherine Louise, born July 25, 1923. 2. Charles S., Jr., born November 12, 1925. Mrs. Putnam is a graduate of Elmira Free Academy and Meeker's Business College.

Mr. Putnam is a member of Ivy Lodge, No. 397, F. and A. M., and is president of the Elmira Lions Club. His wife is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The Putnam family is directly descended from Gen. Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary War fame. John Putnam settled at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1630.

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**Albert J. Mosher.**—Among Elmira's best known citizens is Albert J. Mosher, who is manager of the Elmira Herald Printing Company, at 117 Railroad Avenue. He was born at Webb Mills, Town of Southport, Chemung County, May 30, 1880, the son of George W. and Betsey (Atkins) Mosher.

George W. Mosher was born at Bentley Creek, Pennsylvania, and died in Webb Mills, November 13, 1889. His wife was a



native of Chemung, New York, and died March 26, 1923. Both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. He was reared on a farm and throughout the greater part of his life owned and operated a farm in the Town of Southport, Chemung County. He was a Democrat and held numerous public offices. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mosher: 1. Clara, married Jasper Handy, lives at Elmira. 2. Addie, who died in 1930, was the wife of Edward Hazen. 3. Mary, who died in 1906, was the wife of Seth Crippen. 4. Catherine, married Lyman Jenkins. He is deceased and she died on September 5, 1932. 5. Elizabeth, married George Farr, lives at Elmira. 6. Melissa, the widow of Edward McMillan, lives at Elmira. 7. George E., who is identified with the American Sales Book Company, Ltd. He married Miss Sarah Steiger, of Elmira. 8. Albert J., the subject of this sketch. 9. Dee R., unmarried, lives at Elmira. 10. Frank E., who was identified with the Elmira Herald Printing Company. He died June 24, 1932. He married Gertrude Traver, of Elmira.

Albert J. Mosher attended the public schools and as a young boy was identified with the Elmira Sunday Telegram as a carrier. He then learned the trade of printer in the employ of Snyder Brothers and spent several years as a printer throughout the middle west. He then returned to Elmira as a printer with Charles Harrison, afterward working on the Elmira Gazette for four years. He later served as foreman on the Elmira Evening Star, and became assistant foreman at the reorganization of the Elmira Star Gazette. Mr. Mosher's next business connection was as superintendent of the Elmira Herald Publishing Company, with which he was identified until 1920 when the paper was discontinued. He then located at Utica during the following year as superintendent of the Utica Globe-Telegram, and upon his return to Elmira in 1921 he assumed his present duties as manager of the Elmira Herald Printing Company.

On July 28, 1910, Mr. Mosher married Miss Katherine E. Geiger, of Elmira, born November 21, 1883. She is the daughter of Frederick and Louisa (Krentzer) Geiger. They were natives of

Germany and died in 1908 and 1929, respectively. Both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Mosher have no children.

Politically Mr. Mosher is a Democrat, and he has held the following offices: Alderman of the Eleventh Ward from 1916 until 1922; under-sheriff of Chemung County during 1923; and city assessor from 1926 until 1931. In 1925 he was also a candidate for county treasurer. He is a member of the German Evangelical Church, and belongs to Union Lodge, No. 95, F. and A. M.; B. P. O. Elks; Eagles Lodge; E. T. U. No. 19.

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**G. Russell Mix**, who is chief clerk in the offices of the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Elmira, has a wide acquaintance in the community. He was born at Newark Valley, Tioga County, October 28, 1899, the son of George Eugene and Anna (Brick) Mix.

George Eugene Mix has always lived at Newark Valley. He was a blacksmith by trade and since 1920 has conducted a hardware business, also being distributor of the International Harvester Company products. He is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to Newark Valley Lodge, F. and A. M.; Cortland Chapter; Corning Consistory; Kalurah Temple, Binghamton; B. P. O. Elks; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Chemung County Farm Bureau and Grange. His wife is also a native of Newark Valley. Their only child is G. Russell, the subject of this sketch.

G. Russell Mix obtained his education in the public schools of Newark Valley, and after his graduation from high school entered the service of the Lehigh Valley Railroad as a student telegraph operator at Newark Valley. He was later transferred to Dryden as relief operator, and in October, 1917, came to Elmira as freight clerk. In January, 1920, he received his present appointment as chief clerk.

Mr. Mix is a Republican, and in January, 1932, was appointed police commissioner by Mayor W. Glenn Sweet. He also served as Republican committeeman representing the fourth ward and



fourth district in the city of Elmira for several years, and in 1931 was an unsuccessful candidate for alderman of the fourth ward, being defeated by fifty-five votes. This particular ward has not elected a Republican alderman since 1916.

Mr. Mix is a member of Lake Street Presbyterian Church. He is unmarried.

Eugene Mix, grandfather of G. Russell Mix, served throughout the Civil War.

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**Walter A. Harm**, who is secretary, treasurer and manager of the Community Coal Company, and treasurer of the Snow Shoe Water Company, is recognized as one of the progressive young business men of Elmira. He was born at Snow Shoe, Center County, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1898, the son of Oscar J. and Phoebe (Wells) Harm.

Oscar J. Harm is a native of Center County and his wife was born in Potter County, Pennsylvania. As a young man he entered the employ of T. B. Budinger, merchant, at Snow Shoe, and in 1910 he became a partner in the business. Five years later Mr. Harm became owner of the enterprise and until 1926 was associated with his sons. Mr. Harm has mining interests in Pennsylvania, being identified with the Gordon Heights Bituminous Coal Mine, at Snow Shoe. In 1913 he also opened mines at Grass Flats, Pennsylvania, and organized the Moravian Coal Company. Mr. Harm is a resident of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. He is a Republican and served as burgess for several years. He is affiliated with Bellefonte Lodge F. & A. M., Williamsport Chapter and Consistory, Altoona Shrine, B. P. O. Elks, and Kiwanis Club. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Walter A. Harm acquired his early education in the public schools of Snowshoe, and attended Bucknell University for three years. In 1920 he received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Lehigh University. Throughout his high school and college career he spent his summer vacations in connection with his father's mining interests, and subsequently became assistant engineer for

the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at Snowshoe. After one year he was appointed superintendent of the Gonzales Coal Company at Karthaus, Pennsylvania, and served in the latter capacity until 1928. He then came to Elmira as secretary, treasurer and manager of the Community Coal Company. He has been identified with the Snowshoe Water Company as treasurer since 1917.

To Oscar J. and Phoebe (Wells) Harm were born three children: 1. Clair E., who died in 1926. He married Maud Metzger, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, who resides at Snowshoe. 2. Walter A., the subject of this sketch. 3. Marion Thelma, lives at home.

On October 26, 1927, Mr. Harm was united in marriage with Miss Esther Hafner, of Woolrich, Pennsylvania, born March 7, 1902. She is a graduate of Lock Haven State Normal School and was a kindergarten teacher at Bellefonte before her marriage. She is the daughter of John and Alice (Naval) Hafner. The former died in 1919 and the latter resides at Woolrich. Mr. and Mrs. Harm have a daughter, Pauline Fern, born March 28, 1931.

During the World War Mr. Harm enlisted for service in August, 1918, and at the armistice was stationed at Camp Moravia, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Harm is a Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to Jesse Cooley Lodge, No. 996, F. and A. M., B. P. O. Elks, Lions Club, American Legion, and the Association of Commerce.



